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After Taif visit

Crown prince in Jeddah



ARRIVAL: Crown Prince Fahd is received by Mecca Governor Prince Fawaz (right) on his arrival at Jeddah airport Monday.

TAIF, May 28 (SPA) — Crown Prince Fahd arrived in Jeddah Monday after a two-day inspection tour of projects connected with Taif's place as the Kingdom's premier summer resort.

The projects he visited are part of the Kingdom's efforts to encourage Saudis to spend vacations in the country rather than travelling abroad.

The prince said he is satisfied at the progress which has taken place so far, and added that the state is loing its best to make Taif an

attractive place for vacationers. "The town will provide citizens with wholesome entertainment so they can go home culturally and socially healthier and richer," he said.

He said he is personally monitoring Taif's development plans, and said they should be based on scientific principles which take into account the best interests of the country's citizens and what kinds of attractions are likely to interest them.

He said that if Saudis spend their vacations in the Kingdom it

will benefit them and the country — morally, culturally, socially and economically.

He added that officials in Taif were enthusiastic in their support for the resort plans and were eager to continue with it.

He said the large number of people who chose to spend vacations here last year made him feel optimistic and confident that the plan will succeed.

Among other installations, Prince Fahd inspected roads, bridges, and a hospital during his tour.

Abdullah reaffirms stand on Jerusalem

PARIS, May 28 (SPA) — Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah reported Monday that "Jerusalem is the crux of the Palestinian problem."

In an interview with the French newspaper "Le Nouvel Economiste," the prince said the problem must be solved by the Palestinians themselves, and that those desiring stability in the Middle East must make certain that such is the case.

On Saudi-U.S. relations, which have been characterized by friendship for more than 50 years in spite of recent strains, he said the two countries are long-standing and based on mutual respect.

"They will not be affected by Saudi Arabia's stance dictated by its duty and Islamic, Arab and humanitarian considerations," the prince added.

Prince Abdullah also expressed optimism about future relations with France in the interview, and said that so far, Saudi-France relations have shown "a great deal of promise."

He urged European countries to understand and support the



Prince Abdullah Arab position on crucial issues.

And he added that the Kingdom is aware of its responsibility toward the welfare of the world community, and that it will do its best not to use oil as a pressure weapon unless compelled to do so.

Prince Abdullah said he supported the unification efforts of North and South Yemen, but said the country's stability depends on how free it will be from foreign intervention in its internal affairs and from alien ideologies.

Egypt says border crossing restricted

CAIRO, May 28 (Agencies) — The open borders announced by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin will not mean free and unrestricted crossing between Egypt and Israel, Egyptian officials say.

With President Anwar Sadat by his side, Begin announced Sunday that "the president and I proclaim here from El Arish that the borders of Egypt and Israel are open. Citizens of Egypt will be able to visit Israel, and citizens of Israel will be able to visit Egypt."

Less than a day after Begin made the announcement in the Sinai capital, the state-controlled Cairo newspapers Monday published a statement by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil saying crossing will be limited to official delegations.

And Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali hastened to add that the measure does not mean relations between the two countries will be normalized faster than the limits set by their peace treaty.

This damper on Begin's summit with Sadat Sunday made it unclear

exactly what had been achieved in the meeting beyond an invitation for Begin to visit Egypt in July.

The newspaper "Al Ahram" said flights between the two countries, even by officials, would be interpreted "in the narrowest limits." It quoted Khalil as saying the arrangement will not differ from the way Israeli officials have been coming to Cairo so far.

Even the symbolic opening by the two leaders of an air corridor between their countries will mean only that official Israeli flights will use it, "Al Ahram" said.

There is no question of the Israeli and Egyptian airlines flying to each others' capitals, Khalil told the newspaper "Al Gounhourya." That will have to await a civil aviation agreement to be negotiated not later than 14 months from now.

During their flying summit between Bersheeba and Egypt Sunday, Sadat told reporters he had convinced his advisers of the need to fulfill his previous promise to Begin of open borders. The remarks of Khalil and Ghali, however, made it unclear where Sadat stood on the issue.

Sadat Monday sailed in a former royal yacht down the Suez Canal from Port Said to Ismailia to greet troops standing on both banks.

Sadat agreed to open the borders in a meeting with Begin in Cairo on April 2-3, but Ghali later stated flatly this would happen only as specified in the treaty.

Ghali and Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan are to negotiate details of the open-borders arrangement at a meeting in Cairo next Monday.

Arab criticism of Sadat mounted over the announcement of open borders and autonomy negotiations, and it was possible that the seeming backtracking by the two ministers was partly aimed at offsetting the outrage.

The Iraqi government newspaper "Al Thawra" described the opening of the Egyptian-Israeli border as "a scandalous step on the road of treachery and shame which he (Sadat) has taken."

The Jordanian daily "Al Dastour" said that, after Sunday's events in the Sinai, "Arab coun-

tries must strike from its accounts any hope that Sadat will repeat or deal courageously with Israel."

The Syrian daily "Tishrin" said in an editorial "what Sadat did is not surprising after his surrender to Washington and Zionism. In the end, the Arab people will close the borders Sadat opened for our enemy."

However, Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri sent a cable of congratulations to Sadat Sunday on the return of El-Arish to Egyptian sovereignty, the Sudan News Agency reported.

He described the handover as a "historic event" and said he hoped that other occupied Arab territory would be restored, with the Palestinians exercising full sovereignty over their homeland.

"In spite of the obstacles being faced in the course of the peace process we are fully convinced that Egypt is capable of realizing Arab aspirations," Numeiri said. The United States, meanwhile, believes Sadat and Begin reached a close understanding at Sunday's summit which will help the peace process.

A senior American official aboard Secretary of State Cyrus Vance's aircraft told reporters as it flew to Rome after the summit that both leaders had become more aware of and sensitive to the problems of the other.

The American official acknowledged that the United States had interceded with Sadat and Begin, both of whom were seen by Vance last Thursday, to tone down their rhetoric.

He said it was important to build on the summit's momentum to make early progress in the autonomy talks if other Arab states were to be persuaded to join in an expanded peace process.

The United States had also quietly interceded with other Arab states to try to improve Egypt's worsening relations with them.

During his two-day official visit to Italy, Vance is expected to discuss the vexed problem of Jerusalem with Pope John Paul, informed, sources said Monday.

They said the Vatican's concern over the future of the city was likely to figure on the agenda in the private audience Tuesday.

Mauritanian president names interim successor to Bouceif

NOUAKCHOTT, Mauritania, May 28 (Agencies) — Development Minister Col. Ahmad Salem Ould Sidi was named acting prime minister of Mauritania Monday replacing Ahmad Ould Bouceif who died when his plane plunged into the Atlantic Ocean off Dakar during a sandstorm Sunday.

President Mustapha Ould Muhammad Salek announced Bouceif's death in a broadcast to the nation Sunday night and proclaimed 40 days of national mourning.

Salek said the ruling Military Committee of National Salvation would meet soon to designate Bouceif's permanent successor.

There has been no suggestion of sabotage in the prime minister's death. The wreckage of his plane was found in shallow water Sunday afternoon off Dakar's Yoff airport.

Bouceif had taken off from Nouakchott earlier in the day to attend a summit meeting of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) scheduled in Dakar, the capital of Senegal.

The Dakar control tower established contact with the aircraft as it circled over the Senegalese capital, but then contact was lost and the plane was not heard from again, the officials said.

They added that the duststorm cut visibility to zero and the airport had been closed all day. Other African leaders attending



Ahmad Ould Bouceif

the summit postponed their arrival until Monday.

Earlier in Dakar, authorities announced that 12 persons, including Bouceif, were presumed to have died in the wreckage of the twin-engine Canadian-made Buffalo plane of the Mauritanian Air Force. No bodies have been recovered thus far in or around the wreckage located on the ocean bed about five kilometers offshore from the airport.

The other victims included air force commander Capt. Diack Ndiaye, who was a member of the Military Committee of National Salvation, Ba Ibrahim, ambassador-designate to France, and a number of Bouceif's aides and security men.

Informed sources said the plane

circled over Dakar airport and received landing permission but the pilot told the control tower he could not land because of poor visibility.

Shortly afterwards, residents in a fishing village north of the airport spotted the plane flying at rooftop level before apparently crashing into the sea.

Lt-Col. Bouceif, who was premier for only 56 days, was regarded as the military strongman of the Nouakchott government. He came to power in a radical government reshuffle last month in which leading civilians were removed from the cabinet.

Bouceif, 45, was a former chief of staff of his country's armed forces and had also been military governor of the key Zouerate mining district, a frequent attack point of Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas in their campaign for the independence of the Western Sahara.

As prime minister, he gave a new impetus to diplomatic moves to bring peace to the former Spanish colony, which Spain ceded to Morocco and Mauritania in 1976.

In his brief period in office, Bouceif sent a high-level delegation to talk with the Polisario in Tripoli. He also visited Rabat and Paris in the search for peace in the Western Sahara.

At home he was confronted with growing tension between blacks and the Moorish ethnic group to which he belonged.

Kuwaiti minister says OPEC states against big price hike

RIYADH, May 28 (Agencies) — Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifah Al-Sabah said Monday that all OPEC members do not wish to raise oil prices considerably and hoped that the oil market will stabilize once more.

Sheikh Ali, who spent several hours in Riyadh Monday before his return to Kuwait, held talks with his Saudi counterpart Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani on coordinating policy prior to the forthcoming OPEC meeting in Geneva.

Sheikh Ali said stability would depend on the consuming countries which should take steps to control the rate of consumption.

"OPEC has done its best to restore stability because of the Iranian shortfall, many countries approached OPEC to buy oil directly," he added.

During the previous Geneva meeting OPEC decided to give priority to developing states by disallowing the companies to reduce supplies to them.

In a related development OPEC chairman Mana Said Al-Otaiba left Qatar for Tehran Monday for oil talks with the Iranian government before the OPEC conference.

Otaiba, who is also the United Arab Emirates' petroleum minis-

ter, will later visit Iraq, ending a five-country tour to canvass support for oil price stability.

Otaiba, who has already visited Saudi Arabia and Kuwait, is also delivering letters from UAE president Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan setting out the UAE's oil price policy.

Earlier in Washington, President Carter's chief domestic policy adviser said Sunday that continued price rises by oil producing countries could soon cause a recession in the United States and badly damage the world economy.

Stuart Eizenstat said the United States was experiencing a slow-

down in economic growth although this did not amount to a recession.

"The Carter administration's efforts to deal with inflation and other economic problems would be strongly influenced by the actions of the oil producing countries," he said on the CBS television program "Face the Nation."

"We have to have some cooperation from OPEC," Eizenstat said, noting that the organization's prices have increased 25 per cent since December.

"At this point, frankly, they have not shown that they are terribly interested in moderating," Eizenstat claimed.

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Iran to abandon elections for constituent assembly

TEHRAN, May 28 (Agencies) — Iran's new leaders have decided against holding elections for a constituent assembly and will instead call a national referendum to approve a new constitution for the country, a senior minister was quoted Monday as saying.

The statement ruling out assembly elections — a key part of the authorities' original revolutionary program — was made by Interior Minister Ahmad Javadi in report by the Tehran morning newspaper "Baghdad."

"Now that no constituent assembly will be convened, the draft constitution will be presented to public opinion by the government," Javadi was quoted as saying.

"When people have expressed their views and ideas, the government will take any suggestions into account and afterwards put the text to a plebiscite," he added.

Javadi, who is recovering in hospital from an unspecified ailment, could not be reached Monday for comment on why the

authorities had changed their minds about an elected assembly.

The promise to hold elections for a constitutional assembly was first made by Ayatollah Khomeini when he announced the formation of a provisional government here last Feb. 6. It has since been repeated several times by Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

Deputy Interior Minister Sadeq Tabataba'i was Monday quoted as saying by the Tehran afternoon newspaper "Kayhan" that it would have taken months to convene the constituent assembly as originally planned.

As Khomeini had ordered the government to call an assembly to discuss the constitutional proposals as soon as possible, representatives from Iran's provinces and religious minorities would be chosen, he added. The deputy interior minister did not explain the planned selection process.

Tabataba'i said he thought the assembly would consist of 40 members. Once the text had been studied by the assembly, the final draft would be sent to the secret Revolutionary Council and then to Khomeini before being put to a popular vote, he added.

In a separate development, the Iranian Foreign Ministry said Monday that a Jewish businessman was executed earlier this month because he was part of the Shah's "criminal system" and not because of his religion.

A statement quoted Foreign Minister Ibrahim Yazdi as having given his assurance to French lawyer Serge Klarsfeld. It quoted Yazdi as saying Jews would not be punished merely for having had relations with Israel.

Yazdi was quoted as saying that people who had visited Israel or worked for Israeli firms would not be penalized for these activities.

"The criterion for trial and prosecution is rather being a part of the criminal system of the past, whether the culprit is Muslim, Jewish or a member of any other denomination," the ministry quoted Yazdi as saying.

In Abu Dhabi, Ayatollah Sadi Khalkhali issued an appeal Monday to all Iranians living in the United Arab Emirates to give financial and moral support to the Iranian revolution.

The Ayatollah, chief of Tehran's Revolutionary Court, is on a tour of the UAE where more than 50,000 Iranians live.

Khalkhali also had an hour-long meeting with UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan, after which he declared that "from now on the Persian Gulf would be known as the Islamic Gulf."



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1. FOODSTUFFS

Flour/Wheat	57
Maize	4770
Barley	—
Rice	2264
Sugar	1419
Tea	—
Other Foods	66550
Fruit	353
Chicken	—
Meat	444
Eggs	—
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs	16317

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement	42088
Steel	27552
Timber	19146
General Building Materials	24872
Sub-Total for Construction Materials	113658

3. VEHICLES

Vehicles in Number	1851
Vehicles in Tons	—

4. LIVESTOCK

Number of Head	6000
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5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO

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TOTAL DISCHARGED:

(A) 270539 Tons Cargo	
(B) 1851 Vehicles in Number	
(C) 6000 Head of Livestock	



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1. FOODSTUFFS

Flour/Wheat	1,404
Maize	—
Rice	1,956
Sugar	—
Tea	63
Various Foodstuffs	51,879
Fruit	8,819
Poultry	5,764
Meat	3,288
Eggs	810
Sub-Total for Foodstuffs	73,983

2. CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Cement	56,160
Steel	32,973
Timber	17,996
General Building Materials	84,676
Sub-Total for Construction Materials	191,805

3. VEHICLES

Vehicles in Number	7,457
Vehicles in Tons	84,050

4. LIVESTOCK

Number of Head	44,399
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5. OTHER GENERAL CARGO

	121,262
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TOTAL DISCHARGED:

(A) 471,100 Tons Cargo	
(B) 7,457 Vehicles in Number	
(C) 44,399 Head of Livestock	

Calls for more private input

Budget deficit is indication of efficiency, minister says

JEDDAH, May 28 — Last year's budget deficit is a healthy sign of increased efficiency in the government and private sector, according to Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil. But the time has come for far greater cooperation from the private sector as the state enters an era of investment in productive industrial development, he says.

Mansouri gets SR5b for road, rail schemes

RIYADH, May 28 (SPA) — Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri said Monday that allocations in the budget for road and rail projects total SR 5 billion.

It is the largest allocation ever granted to his ministry and reflects an interest by senior officials in better communications, he said.

Elsewhere, the budget contracts on the development of education, agriculture and telecommunications now that the government has completed much basic infrastructure and is moving into the development of services.

healthy economy. "It shows that administrative efficiency has been raised markedly in both public and private sectors to a level capable of carrying out all budgeted programs", he said.

Last year's budget concentrated largely on completing such basic infrastructure as roads, port facilities and communications projects and on improving health and social services. A majority of the objectives had been met, he said.

Citing last year's projects — Chapter IV of the budget — Sheikh Muhammad said that on May 19, two days before the closing of the account, SR89 billion had been spent. This compares with SR58 billion on projects in 1977-1978 and SR46.5 billion the year before. Project expenditure thus all but doubled between 1976 and last year.

"Saudi Arabia's achievement is unprecedented in any country and in any period. Facts speak for themselves", he said.

In addition, the government had been able to curb the rampant inflation of the middle 1970s. Large-scale public spending is itself inflationary, Sheikh Muhammad said. "Public spending is the prime moving force within the Saudi economy. Through the role of the private sector has grown, its activities are still highly limited in scope. The inflationary impact of uncalculated spending is therefore all the larger in Saudi Arabia," he said.

Although the Finance Ministry now assesses inflation at 10 per cent, the root cause of inflation had been diminished. "Rents have dropped; the essentials of life and building materials are now more readily available; and though wages are still high, their rate of increase has dropped since last year", he said.

Despite the control of inflation, Saudi Arabia had still managed to attain a reasonable rate of growth. Growth in real terms was 13.7 per cent, he said, discounting the oil sector which, in its export sales of petroleum, has only limited effects on the domestic economy.

Turning to the SR160 billion for this year budget the minister said that now that basic infrastructure was substantially complete, development will concentrate on its productive use in agriculture and industry.

"We are now through with colossal expensive infrastructure projects and must now tackle productive industrial projects. These will have a direct effect on the standard of living."

In these projects, and in social welfare schemes, "The government now needs far greater cooperation from the private sector" he said.

"The time has come when Saudi businessmen must shift from simply importing to industrial investment," he said.

"The role of the individual in Saudi Arabia is fundamental, and each individual of our generation has no alternative but to shoulder his responsibilities and play his part. Otherwise, he faces hard questioning by future generations."

Senior Bahraini makes stopover

RIYADH, May 28 (SPA) — Sheikh Muhammad Salman Al-Khalifa, brother of the Ruler of Bahrain, flew home Monday after a short stopover here.



FINANCE: Sheikh Muhammad Abu Al-Khalil

Fan reckons long-distance just in the next-best thing

JEDDAH, May 28 — A soccer-crazy family in Jeddah has proved it is not difficult to enjoy a soccer match from a distance of thousands of miles even if one has to pay a fortune for that pleasure.

"Al-Medina" newspaper reported Monday that, while a match was recently being played between Al-Itihad and Al-Ahli in Jeddah, a Saudi fan called his student son in the United States, placed the telephone set and allowed his son to enjoy the commentary for two hours.

The call cost about SR1,440.

When the telephone bill came at the end of the quarter, it showed additional charges for overseas calls of SR45,000, including the match.

The paper quoted Jeddah

Bus plant to open this week near Mecca

JEDDAH, May 28 (SPA) — Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz will open a bus assembly plant in Shumaisi, near Mecca, next Saturday, it was announced here Monday.

The SR22 million capital of the factory is owned by a Saudi and U.S. joint venture on an equal partnership basis.

It was built at a cost of SR60 million, of which SR17.7 million was put up by the Industrial Development Fund and the balance from commercial loans.

The factory will manufacture seven buses daily and 1,500 annually.

Saudi nationals form 30 per cent of the factory's 130 plant workers and 30 management and clerical staff.

The plant will be the second vehicle assembly plant to go into operation in Saudi Arabia. A Saudi-German joint venture started production of trucks in Jeddah last year.

Streets in new districts of Riyadh to be paved

RIYADH, May 28 (SPA) — Large new areas in Riyadh are to be provided with paved streets and a highway from Hasa to the Gulf is to be asphalted under projects announced here Monday.

Riyadh Mayor Abdullah Al-Naim said Monday that his municipality had invited bids for the asphalted streets Ulya, Sulaimaniya, Rowda, Nasim, Malaz, Maadhar, Umm Al-Hammam and North Murabba. The contracts will be awarded

simultaneously to speed up road surfacing in the capital.

Naim said he hoped that by the end of the new fiscal year, most of the streets in the "new" quarters of Riyadh will be surfaced.

Surfacing the highway linking Hasa to Aqir on the Gulf will cost over SR137.78 million, it was announced here Monday.

The 78-kilometer road branches off from the Dammam Hasa highway near the town of Oym.

Naif calls for blood donors

RIYADH, May 28 (SPA) — Minister of the Interior Prince Naif Tuesday called on ministry personnel to be blood donors. Prince Naif will himself give blood.

Truck explodes in Jeddah street

JEDDAH, May 28 — A Saudi truck carrying barrels of diesel fuel caught fire in Macarona Street here Saturday, "Al-Medina" newspaper reported Monday. Flames engulfed the truck and nearby houses. The fire quickly spread across the road and threatened houses and shops 20 yards away. Firemen brought the fire under control in about an hour. The driver of the truck suffered light injuries, the paper said.

Salman helps London school

LONDON, May 28 (SPA) — Governor of Riyadh Prince Salman has donated 200,000 pounds for the construction of an Islamic school near the Islamic center in London.

Mecca to have SR60m park

JEDDAH, May 28 — A public park is to be built in Mecca at a cost of SR 60 million, "Okaz" newspaper said Monday. The park will cover 160,000 square meters.

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Khaled was not informed of accords, Yamani says

RIYADH, May 28 (SPA) — Information Minister Dr. Mohammad Abdo Yamani has said that King Khaled had no prior knowledge of the principles for a peace treaty reached at Camp David last September.

In statement Sunday, Dr. Yamani headed off speculation that King Khaled might be the Arab leader referred to in the Lebanese magazine "Al-Ustun Al-Arabiya" as having been informed before hand of the Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt.

Speculation that King Khaled was the leader mentioned was "baseless and utterly without foundation."

Dr. Yamani said that the Saudi attitude was made clear and could admit of no distortion. Very shortly after the accords were announced, the Council of Ministers issued a statement declaring they were inadequate as a foundation for Middle East peace.

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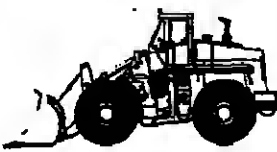
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Palestinians, right-wingers trade fire in S. Lebanon

TYRE, Lebanon, May 28 (R) — Israeli-backed militias and Palestinian commandos blasted each other with artillery fire in southern Lebanon Monday but there were no immediate reports of casualties.

At least six shells slammed into this ancient port city, a Palestinian stronghold, and the state-run Beirut Radio said they included anti-personnel cluster bombs. Two landed on the outskirts of a Palestinian refugee camp, two in

an archeological site and two in the port area.

As the artillery duel spread to inland areas, three Israeli planes flew over the city and two Israeli gunboats cruised offshore, but they did not open fire.

Local residents said more than 40,000 of the 50,000 inhabitants of Tyre had fled the city because of shelling over the past few weeks.

The Palestine news agency Wafa reported that Israeli and right-wing Lebanese militia forces shelled four rural villages near the market town of Nabatiyyeh, 30 kilometers northeast of here.

Palestinian forces in the area retaliated with an artillery barrage against militia positions near the border with Israel, the agency said.

Israeli border residents said the Palestinian firing appeared to be coming from areas patrolled by Dutch Irish and Fijian units of the U.N. Interim Forces in Lebanon (UNIFIL), and affected a wide sector in the western part of southern Lebanon.

A senior U.N. spokesman in Beirut, however, denied the report suggesting that Palestinian forces were firing from areas patrolled by the U.N. force.

The spokesman said, "To the best of our knowledge, there are no such batteries anywhere in the UNIFIL zone of operations."

Kuwait backs call for summit

KUWAIT, May 28 (R) — Kuwait welcomes a South Yemeni suggestion to hold an Arab summit to discuss the Middle East situation but the urgent issue is appointment of a secretary-general for the Arab League, Minister of State Abdul-Aziz Hussein has said.

There should also be adequate preparation for a summit, he said Sunday.

Four candidates are reported to be vying for the secretary-generalship, previously held by Mahmoud Khatib of Egypt, who resigned last month.

Tunisian Education Minister Muhammad Mazali who is visiting the Gulf, told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) that his tour was connected with reactivating the League since its headquarters was shifted from Cairo to Tunis in retaliation for the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty.



SECURITY: Security was stepped up at Istanbul's Yedigöller International Airport after two bomb explosions that wrecked a lavatory and a terrace here early this month. Sunday, armed attacks on two coffee shops were reported in the country, leaving one dead and injuring others. Picture shows policewomen search old ladies and even children for guns and explosive devices.

Indian minister assails Egypt-Israel peace pact

BAGHDAD, May 28 (AP) — Foreign Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee of India began a state visit to Iraq Sunday for talks with foreign ministry officials covering bilateral relations, Mideast developments and the nonaligned movement, the official Iraqi News Agency reported.

On Sunday, Vajpayee, ending a three-day visit to Syria, condemned the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty for "ignoring the basic issues of the Arab-Israeli conflict."

Vajpayee said that any settle-

ment in the area must provide for "Israel's full withdrawal from Arab territories it occupied by force in the 1967 war and the Palestinian people's legitimate rights in statehood and self-determination."

"This treaty, unfortunately, has increased tension in the area," the minister said.

During his stay in Syria Vajpayee held a series of talks with President Hafez Assad, Premier Muhammad Ali Halabi and Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khad-

Afghan regime accused of massacring 100,000

TEHRAN, May 28 (R) — Afghan exiles have accused the Soviet-backed Kabul government of killing 100,000 civilians in counter-insurgency operations.

A statement sent to Reuters Sunday by an organization calling itself the Movement of the Muslim People of Afghanistan said a third of the casualties had been caused by Soviet-built MIGs which bombed the western town of Herat.

The movement based in the

One die, others hurt as gunman sprays Turkish coffee house

ISTANBUL, May 28 (Agencies) — An unidentified gunman shot up a coffee house in Duzce, 200 kilometers east of Istanbul, killing one man and wounding half a dozen others, police said Sunday.

The attack took place while customers were watching television before midnight Saturday, they said. Security officials launched a hunt for the suspected terrorist in Duzce, a town midway between Istanbul and the capital of Ankara.

In another attack on a coffee house, gunmen firing automatic weapons wounded two persons in a low-income sector of Istanbul.

The incidents were the latest in a series of armed attacks against coffee houses, traditional gathering places for Turkish men. Some cafes in urban centers are frequented by university students.

Also during the weekend, police reported two explosions wrecked a tailor's shop owned by an official of the ultra-rightist National Action Party in Istanbul and a cafe in Ankara owned by a member of the Conservative Justice Party. No casualties were reported but damage was described as extensive in both blasts.

Meanwhile, security officials disclosed the capture of 1,196 sticks of dynamite, 838 cartridges, 14 revolvers, 177 rounds of ammunition and 7,000 extremist leaflets in raids across the country. A total of 59 suspects were taken into custody.

Politically motivated terrorist acts have continued throughout Turkey despite the proclamation of martial law in 19 of 67 provinces. More than 400 persons, mostly youths, have been killed since the emergency measure was introduced last December.

In a related development, Turkish Premier Bulent Ecevit retained the chairmanship of Turkey's ruling left-of-center Republican People's Party (RPP) at the party's two-yearly convention which ended Sunday.

Despite considerable opposition within the party to many of his policies, there was no other official candidate for the chairmanship and Ecevit received 1,218 of the 1,347 delegates' votes.

Most of the other delegates abstained although a few voted for various other party officials.

The convention was marred by ugly scenes on Friday when Ecevit was forced to intervene to stop a fist-fight among members of the RPP youth branch. Turkish newspapers the following day published big color pictures of young

delegates with black eyes and bloody noses.

The convention's support came as a welcome boost for Ecevit, who is under daily attack from right-wing opposition leader Süleyman Demirel because of Turkey's serious economic crisis and continuing political violence.

Jerusalem, Haifa blasts reported

BEIRUT, May 28 (R) — Palestinian commandos killed and wounded an unspecified number of Israeli soldiers with a time bomb in Haifa Monday, a Palestinian military spokesman said. In Tel Aviv meanwhile, police said a time bomb exploded in Jerusalem's central bus station Sunday. Passersby called police after spotting a suspicious parcel. It was moved to a safe area where it exploded just before a bomb disposal squad arrived. The blast shattered some windows in the bus station.

Curbs on pro-Bhutto press lifted

ISLAMABAD, May 28 (R) — Pakistan's military regime has lifted censorship on several newspapers and magazines which supported former Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, executed last month. Bhutto's widow and daughter are still under house arrest, although army ruler Gen. Zia Ul-Haq said Saturday that they would be released soon.

Tito leaves for Algeria visit

BELGRADE, May 28 (R) — President Tito of Yugoslavia left Monday on a tour of Algeria, Libya and Malta. Tito, 87, is expected to discuss the nonaligned movement, the Middle East and African and Mediterranean problems with leaders of the three countries.

Iran said to join nonaligned bloc

COLOMBO, May 28 (R) — Iran is almost certain to apply for membership of the 88 country nonaligned movement, diplomatic sources said. They said that membership procedures had been explained to Iran at its request by a number of friendly countries and all that remained was for a formal application to be made when foreign ministers of the movement meet in Colombo next month.

Earthquake shakes Cyprus

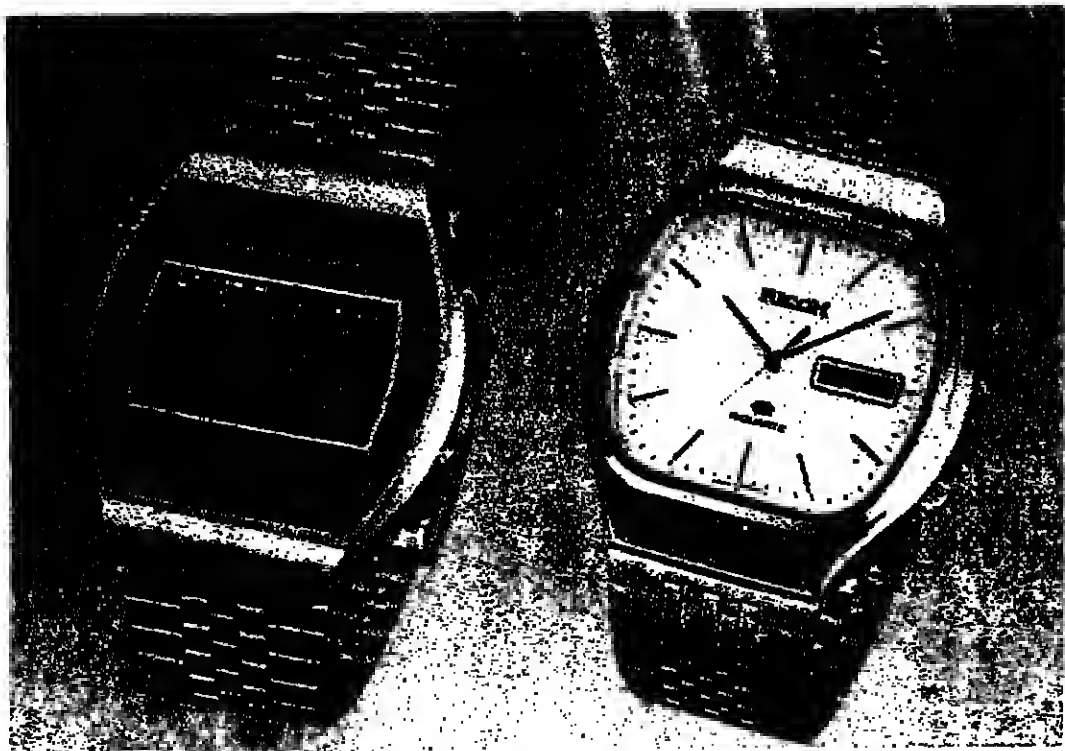
NICOSIA, May 28 (AP) — Earth tremors were felt on Cyprus Monday, sending occupants of high-rise buildings pouring onto the streets of Nicosia. There were no immediate reports of damage. Schoolchildren were dismissed earlier from classes.

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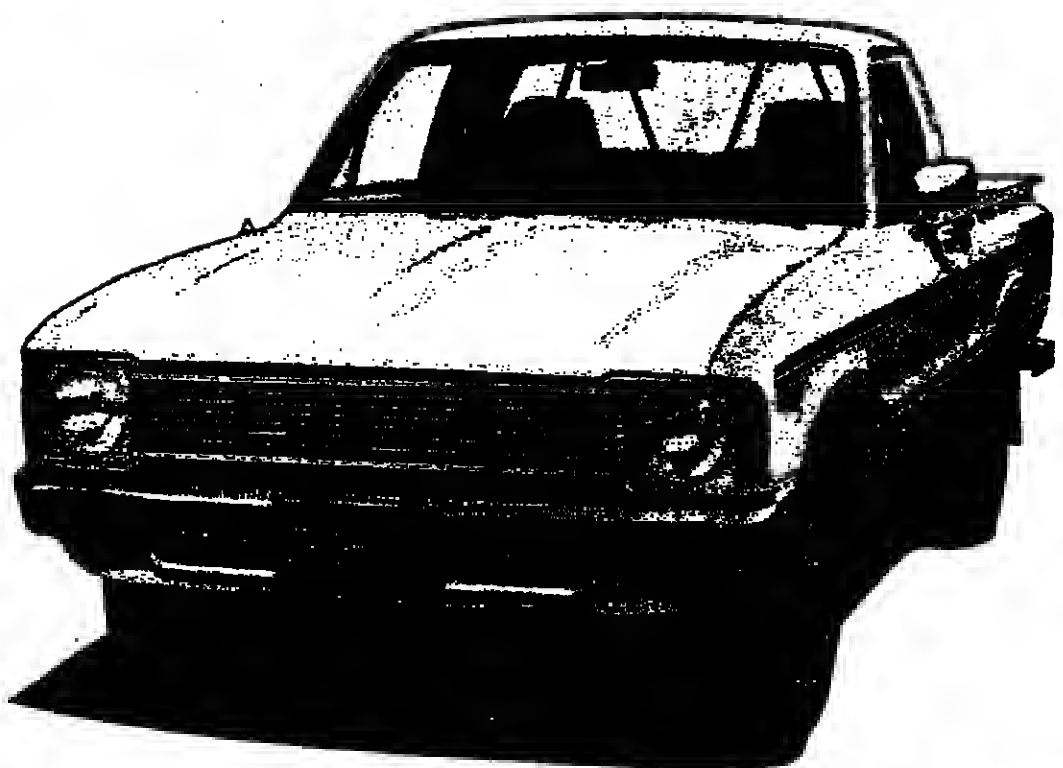
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Four Saudis named as victims

U.S. to ground DC-10s after disaster

WASHINGTON, May 28 (Agencies) — The U.S. Federal Aviation Authority Monday ordered U.S.-registered DC-10 airplanes grounded from 0700 GMT Tuesday.

The agency said airlines would be permitted to put the jets back in service as soon as they have inspected an engine bolt held to be a contributory factor in a crash on Friday at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport in which 273 people died.

FAA Director Langhorne Bond said he was urging foreign governments to follow the same procedure, but he had no authority to cancel them to do so.

Canada was the first to respond with an announcement that all its DC-10s are to be grounded.

"In the past we have found that foreign governments follow very closely our advice when an aircraft of American design or an American accident are involved," Bond said.

Bond said 134 U.S.-registered planes were involved. In all, 212 DC-10s are in use around the world.

The Chicago crash, worst in U.S. aviation history, came shortly after the American Airlines DC-10 took off.

The plane's left engine tore loose from the wing and the jet crashed killing all 271 people aboard and two men on the ground.

Bond said it was the FAA's view that while the bolt, one of four in the engine to part from the wing, the agency had yet determined

whether loss of the engine was the sole cause of the accident.

"I want to hasten to say that I'm not sure this accident was caused by this bolt," he said.

Asked why he was not grounding all of the aircraft immediately instead of waiting more than 12 hours, he replied, "Our risk analysis indicates we need not impose grounding of the planes

before midnight (Pacific time) tonight."

The bolt — one of those fixing the metal case carrying the wing engine to the pylon stretching from the wing — was found 8,000 feet down the runway from where flight 191 took off Friday, national transportation safety board vice-chairman Elwood Driver said at an earlier news conference.

He said the failure of the bolt alone should not have caused the plane to crash, and that the jet should have stayed aloft with two engines.

It was described as three-eighths to one-half inch in diameter and three inches long, and was broken in half.

The crash of the Los Angeles-bound wide-bodied jet occurred just after the engine fell from the left wing to the ground, and only seconds after the plane left O'Hare International Airport.

The wreckage is just a half a mile from where the engine landed in the grass beside the runway.

Another representative of the NTSB, in explaining the cause of the crash, said the bolts in question are secured with nuts, but no safety wire.

The NTSB has said the preliminary investigation indicated "no evidence of pilot error" or that the engine itself malfunctioned during takeoff.

Investigators have said it probably would be two months before the exact cause of the crash is determined.

Two flight recorders were recovered from the wreckage, but almost none of the cockpit conversation was recorded after takeoff because of a power failure.

The recording stopped with the word "damn," investigators said. That tape and the one from the flight data recorder are being studied in Washington.

A spokesman for the safety board in Washington said it would be at least the middle of this week before an analysis of the information on the flight data recorder was available.

Four Saudis killed

According to the airline, the following non-Americans died in the crash:

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Experts trying to identify the remains of passengers on board the plane say some victims may never be identified.

"You usually use fingerprints, dental records, and after that clothing," Chicago-area FBI spokesman George Mandich said. "But there isn't much left out there."

Cook County Medical Examiner Dr. Robert Stein said many of the 273 victims were so badly dismembered and burned that fingerprinting may be impossible.

"There are bodies there which may never be identified," he said. Dozens of medical and dental experts have been flown in from across the country, including a 12-member FBI disaster squad of fingerprint experts and Dr. Lowell Levine, a New York dental identification expert.

Stein said dental records will be used in most of the cases, but he feared they may be useless.

The Medical Examiner's Office has shipped daily supplies to an American Airlines hangar being used as a temporary morgue. "We have not recovered 210 bodies," Stein said.

Pieces of clothing, jewelry, belts and wallets have been gathered up and taken to a separate investigation unit, he said. Sometimes the clue is as small as a label inside a blouse, Stein said.

Likely remains of Mrs. Bloch found in Uganda

KAMPALA, May 28 (AP) — A top Ugandan police official said Monday human bones believed to be those of Dora Bloch, the British-Israeli woman reported killed by agents of former President Idi Amin in 1976, have been found in a field near Kampala.

The remains were reported found by a policeman Friday in a 60-centimeter-deep grave near Kivuvu, a village about 30 kilometers east of Kampala on the road to Jinja.

Uganda's criminal investigation director Gilbert Seruwagi said, "I think these are the bones but we need confirmation."

In London, British relatives of Mrs. Bloch waited Monday for the first positive identification of her body, nearly three years after she was reportedly murdered.



RECORD-BREAKER: South African carpenter, Peter Snyman, broke the world record of 36 days in a snake pit but held on to set a 50-day record before leaving the cage. A puff adder is at his feet and a boomslang crawls behind his head.

'Snakeman' abandons cage with 50-day world record

HARTBEESPOORT, South Africa May 28 (AP) — Peter Snyman on Sunday emerged victorious from a snakepit after "50 days of hell" with 24 deadly poisonous serpents, and vowed never to try to beat his own world record.

"It's one thing to catch snakes and another to have them creeping all over you and sticking their tongues in your nose," said the new holder of the Guinness Book of Records title.

"There were times that I closed my eyes and thought to myself, 'Now there I go. This is it,' recalled Snyman, who could have died within minutes had he been bitten by any of his cellmates.

Black mambas, puff adders, Egyptian cobras and boomslangs slithered freely onto his bed and around the glass walls of the cage at Hartbeespoort Snake Park, about 65 kilometers northwest of Johannesburg.

Muzorewa candidate wins presidency as key party drops out

SALISBURY, May 28 (Agencies) — Josiah Gumede, a former headmaster and civil servant and a descendant of Zulu warriors, was elected the first black president of Zimbabwe Rhodesia Monday.

Gumede, 60, was the candidate of the United African National Council (UANC) of Prime Minister-elect Bishop Abel Muzorewa. He won the approval of both houses of parliament, the Senate and the House of Assembly, which voted as an electoral college.

He defeated 61-year-old ex-teacher Timothy Tshova of the United National Federal Party (UNFP), by 80 votes to 33.

Gumede was elected president of a deeply divided government. The United National Federal Party (UNFP) of Chief Kayira Ndwani announced Sunday that it would not take its place in the coalition cabinet and would act as an opposition party in parliament.

A statement by the party's national executive accused the United African National Council (UANC) of Prime Minister-elect Bishop Abel Muzorewa of putting party before country and reneging on a pledge to consult over who should be president of the world's newest black-dominated state.

The Zimbabwe African National Union (ZANU) faction of the Rev. Ndabaningi Sithole is already boycotting parliament and cabinet in protest at alleged election rigging by the UANC.

The UNFP decision means that when the coalition cabinet meets for the first time after the state of Zimbabwe Rhodesia is proclaimed on Friday, it will comprise only members of the UANC and of the Rhodesian Front of white leader Ian Smith.

Alongside the disunity in parliamentary ranks, the six-year, guerrilla war appears to be raging unabated, despite the approach of

mainly black rule. Military communiques have announced more than 140 dead in the past three days, including nine black villagers reported by military headquarters to have been massacred by guerrillas on Saturday night.

The handover of white rule which has lasted 88 years and eight months, began Monday, when black and white members of parliament and elected senators for the black president of Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

The UNFP said in its statement Sunday, "we wish to make clear that this party will participate in parliament as an opposition party and will not accept the two cabinet posts to which it is entitled. Should we believe that the UANC is abusing its powers we reserve the right to withdraw from parliament."

The UNFP called for an all-party conference with Patriotic Front guerrillas to arrange a ceasefire that would be followed by fresh elections.

The UANC accused the UNFP of letting it down by nominating its own candidate for the presidency. It added that government would go on, with or without Chief Ndwani's party.

Sithole's group has declared it will not take up its 12 seats or its two places in the cabinet until the court has considered a petition that the election was rigged in favor of the UANC.

The bickering could damage the government's standing internationally as it struggles for recognition, the lifting of trade sanctions and an end to the war.

But political sources said the boycotts would leave the UANC in an even more powerful position domestically.

The President-elect Gumede and Prime Minister-designate Bishop Muzorewa will be sworn in Tuesday and the cabinet will be named on Wednesday.

Christian Democrats meet

Bonn opposition faces leadership crisis

BONN, May 28 (AP) — West Germany's Christian Democratic Union (CDU), locked in a leadership crisis, Sunday entered a week of intense political maneuvering which could see the emergence of a new opposition leader.

CDU Chairman Helmut Kohl was expected to announce at a special party meeting Monday that he will not lead the opposition into next year's general election.

Kohl, 49, has regularly been attacked for his lackluster performance as opposition leader but efforts to topple him have run aground on the difficulties of choosing a successor.

This time Kohl appears to have renounced any ambition of fighting for the chancellorship.

Thursday, veteran right-winger Franz Josef Strauss threw down the gauntlet by announcing that he was prepared to lead the opposition into the tough election campaign against Chancellor Helmut Schmidt.

Strauss, the 63-year-old leader of the CDU's sister party, the Christian Social Union (CSU) and Bavaria's premier, is a formidable, experienced politician.

At home and abroad, Strauss has been regarded as the authentic voice of the West German right wing.

Chancellor Schmidt and his Social Democratic Party (SDP) regard Strauss as the right's foremost politician.

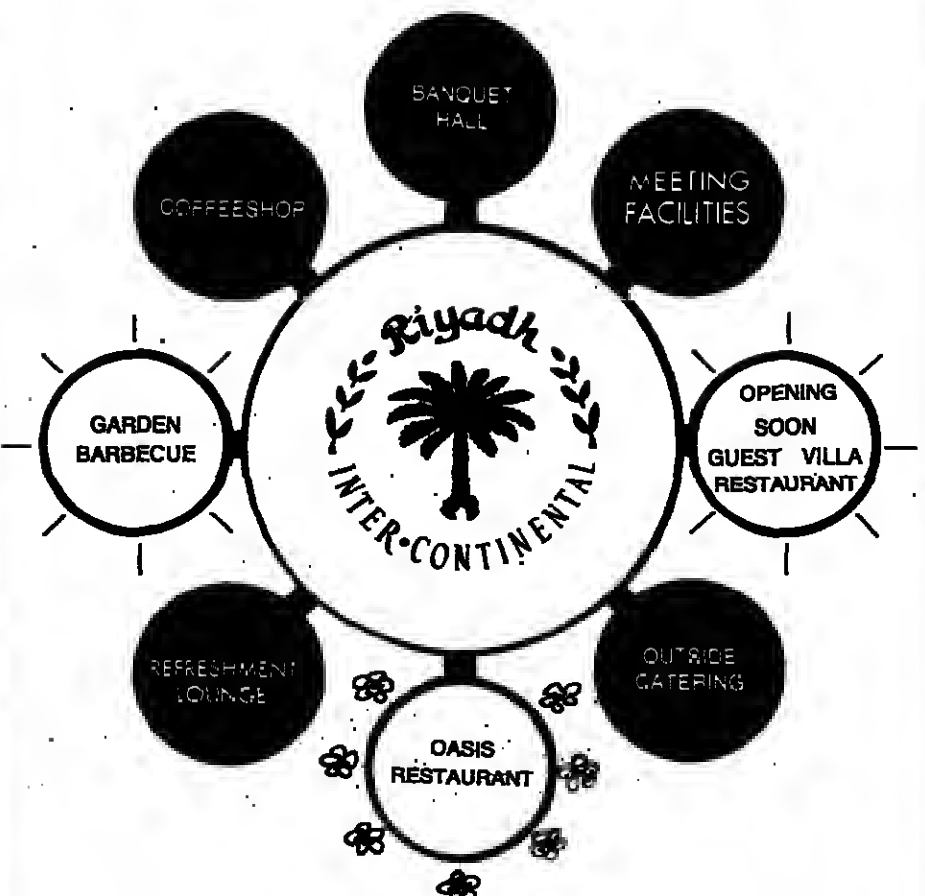
When Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev visited Bonn a year ago

he spent longer talking to Strauss than he did to Kohl. But though it appears certain that Kohl will step down, it is not clear who will succeed him.

Kohl's personal choice is Ernst Albrecht, the 48-year-old premier of Lower Saxony. He is a man of great political skills and boyish good looks, but with little experience of federal politics. Moreover his power base is effectively limited to the north of the country.

Strauss, a former defense minister, draws most of his strength from the south. But what worries some CDU Party leaders is that Strauss' right-of-center stance might lose them votes. Strauss' CSU also met Monday to discuss the leadership issue.

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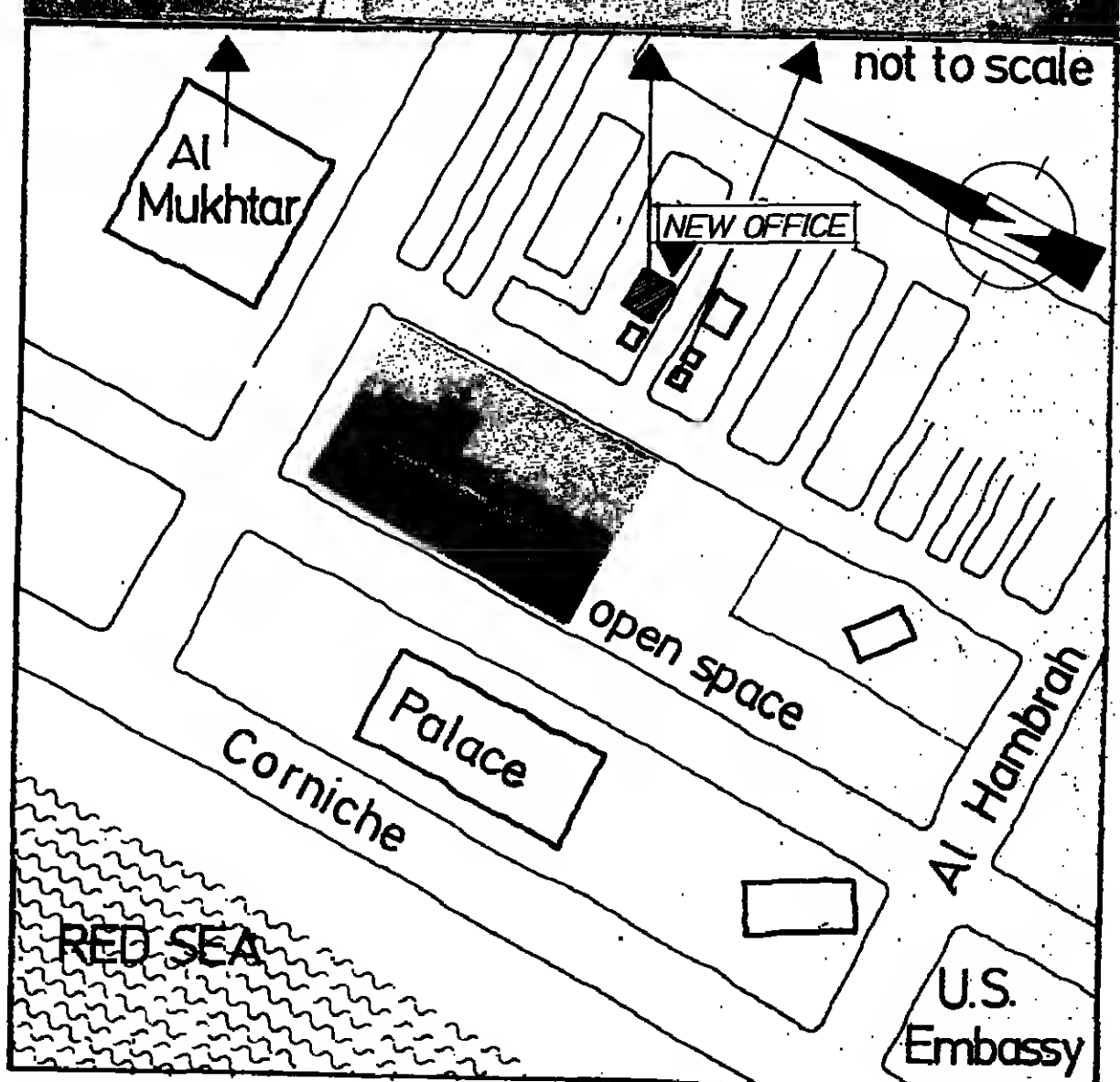
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UNCTAD in 4th week

Manila 'share the wealth' gathering still deadlocked

MANILA, May 28 (R) — Delegates from more than 150 countries went into their fourth and final week of trade talks here Monday still pessimistic at reaching agreement on how to spread the world's wealth.

After more than three weeks of negotiations, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) remains widely divided on basic issues.

One such unresolved question is how trade can be liberalized for the benefit of poorer states without upsetting the economic growth of the richer ones.

There are many areas of agreement on principles, delegates say, but wide gaps remain on methods of action and on crucial questions such as the rising price of oil.

Other possible areas of conflict between developing and developed countries are the role of international corporations and the freer transfer of Western technology which East European states also seek.

Delegates stress that the conference might be extended by two or three days or go into all-night sessions in attempts to reach compromises or at least agreement to study outstanding issues which

would be negotiated later.

Much of the past four days has been dominated by a row within the developing nations' "Group of 77" from Africa, Latin America and Asia, on whether the price of oil and its adverse impact on their growth should be put on the agenda.

It appeared settled on Friday night by a compromise to continue private discussions on oil pricing outside the UNCTAD framework.

But then a resolution from the Western nations Saturday reopened the issue with a call for all countries to take steps to "improve the balance of supply and demand for energy."

Some of the Middle East oil producers see any mention of the issue as inappropriate at UNCTAD. Some of the main sticking points include:

— Protectionism against Third World goods, especially textiles;

— Reluctance by Western countries and Japan to agree to Third World and Communist demands that transfer of technology be made legally binding rather than voluntary;

— The Third World's desire to reopen multilateral trade negotiations;

— Attempts by the Third World to get the rich countries to pledge money to the common commodity fund to stabilize commodity prices and finance research and development;

EEC stand on trade seen unacceptable to partners

NAIROBI, May 28 (AP) — Talks in Brussels between the European Common Market and 57 African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries on a new trade and aid pact broke down over the weekend after a "take-it-or-leave-it" offer by the EEC, Kenya's representative said here Monday.

Robert Ouko, economic planning minister, said the talks had broken off without agreement on a new aid pact.

Ouko, speaking shortly after his

return from Brussels, said the talks had collapsed because of the EEC's adamant stand on ACP's major demands. "We wanted the EEC to increase its aid to over \$11 billion, but they stood at \$6.7 billion and told us to take it or leave it."

Ouko said the EEC also rejected the ACP appeal that their goods enjoy free access to the Common Market countries. "We wanted the restrictions relaxed because our goods account for only 8 per cent of EEC imports," he said.



SWORDSMANSHIP — The Whitford Co., Ltd., British's leading blade manufacturers for over 200 years, this year is producing replicas of the sword used by the famous sailor Sir Francis Drake to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Drake's famous voyage around the world.

Indonesian rice shortfall kills self-sufficiency hopes

JAKARTA, May 28 (AP) — Indonesia's dream of growing enough rice to feed its 140 million people has faded.

Experts say self-sufficiency in the 1980s cannot be achieved. Political leaders talk of food crop or carbohydrate insufficiency rather than harvesting enough rice alone.

Even bumper crops apparently can't solve the problem. Last year's record domestic harvest of 17.6 million tons, grown under ideal conditions, had to be supplemented with 1.8 million tons of imported rice.

Agricultural economists expect a fair to good growth in 1979 with a crop forecast at 16.7 million to 17.5 million tons. But another 1.75 to 2 million tons is likely to be imported, they said.

Insect and rodent damage contribute to the problem. Officials confirmed earlier this month that more than 70,000 people faced famine after rats ravaged their rice fields on eastern Sumba Island, about 1,500 kilometers east of Jakarta.

More than a million acres of rice

are lost most years to a fast-moving bug known as the brown planthopper or Wereng. The "green revolution" in the form of new varieties of high yield strains of rice and improved fertilizers helped increase harvests in the last decade, but the Wereng feasts on the new types of rice and seems immune to some insecticides.

Food crops account for about 60 per cent of total farm production.

Israeli diamond industry slumps

TEL AVIV, May 28 (R) — All 10,000 workers in Israel's diamond polishing industry will be laid off for August because of a sales slump, Diamond Exchange President Moshe Schmitzer said on Israel Radio Monday.

Their union leaders are demanding full pay for the enforced vacation.

The industry exported polished stones worth more than \$1.3 billion last year, making it Israel's biggest industrial export earner.

U.S. mood cited as cause of inflation

AMHERST, Mass., May 28 (AP) — The increasingly discontented mood of the American people is as much of inflation as it is a consequence, according to Alfred Kahn, chief presidential advisor on inflation.

"The national mood has changed dramatically to one of pessimism and anger," Kahn told 4,400 graduates at commencement exercises Saturday at the University of Massachusetts.

Such a change, Kahn said, is leading to a breakdown in discipline and "conspiracy mongering" among U.S. citizens.

Kahn, who heads the U.S. administration's fight against inflation, said an affluent populace is blaming oil companies, nuclear power advocates and big labor for the inflationary spiral rather than accepting some of the responsibility for economic problems.

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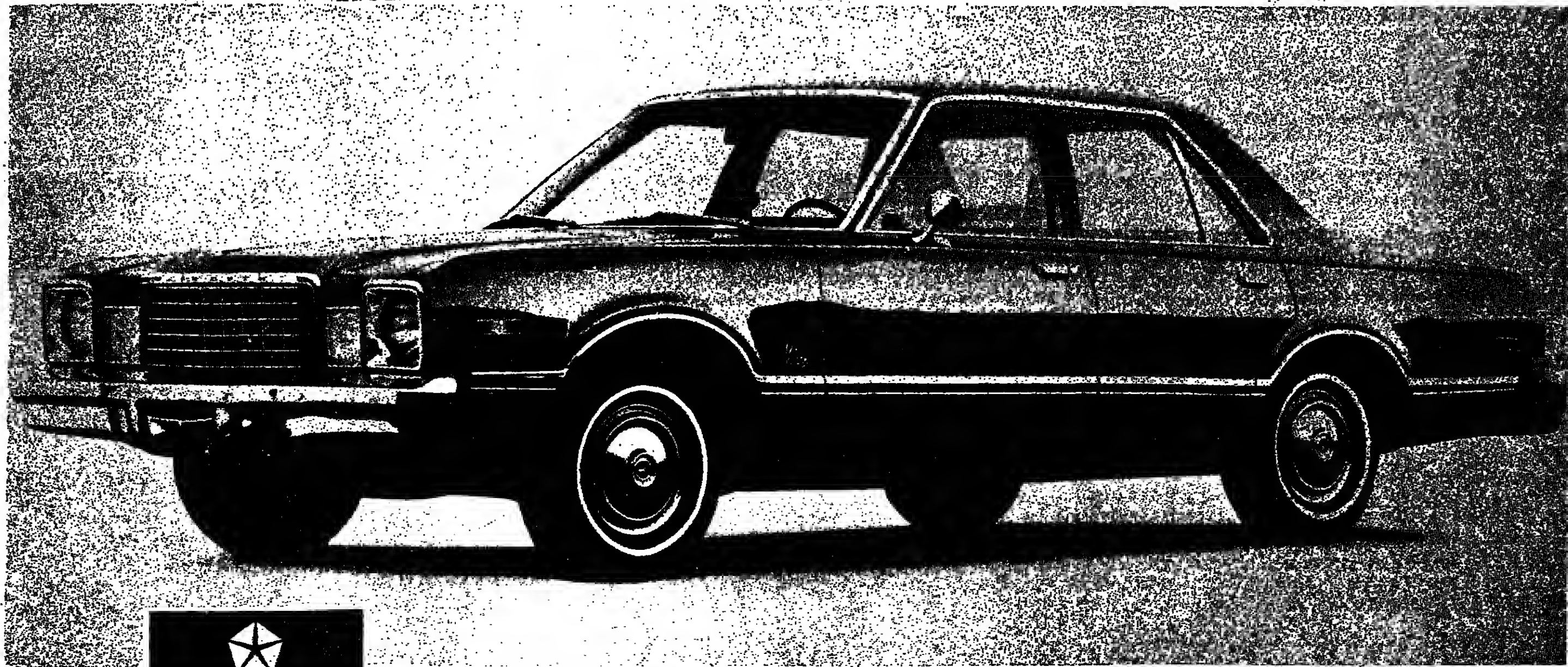
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U.S. Dollar	3.40	3.41	3.41
Pound Sterling	6.98	7.00	6.98
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Swiss F (100)	196.00	197.00	196.30
French F (100)	77.00	77.00	76.75
Italian Lira (1000)	4.00	4.02	3.99
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	105.25	104.65
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	87.50
Egyptian Pound	—	4.65	4.60
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.20	12.20
Jordanian Dinar	—	11.13	11.10
Emirates Dirham (100)	—	87.50	88.70
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.00	90.55
Bahraini Dinar	—	8.89	8.87
Iranian Riyal (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar	—	—	—
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	74.75	74.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	77.00	87.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	41.25
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	34.55
Gold kg	—	30,300	—
10 Tolas bar	—	3,525	—
Silver kg bar	—	1,000	—
Japanese yen (100)	1.55	—	—
Canadian dollar	2.94	—	—
Belgian franc (10)	1.10	—	—
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Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Fencing of graveyards of Al-Mad'a and Darghat villages in Central Province	26-97/98	400	July 22
" " "	Fencing of graveyards of Al-Far'aa, Al Ghaliz, Al Yousuf in the Southern Province	"	800	July 23
" " "	Fencing of Marhab Al-Olya graveyard in Qassim	"	200	July 24
" " "	Fencing of Badi'ah graveyard in Qassim	"	200	July 28
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Soviet gains, losses in Iran

By William Branigan

TEHRAN — With the United States ranking near the top of the Islamic republic's enemy list, the Soviet Union has been reaping political and strategic advantages from the Iranian revolution.

Gone are the days when Washington could depend on the Shah to back U.S. policy on the Middle East and help counter Moscow's aims in the region.

Among its many other consequences, the downfall of the Shah has shattered the illusion — carefully built up by the Iranian monarch and bought by the United States — that Iran was a bastion of stability in a turbulent but vital area. This vision of Iran as a stable, pro-American force in the Middle East was cited to justify the vast U.S. military and economic commitments in the country. The repudiation of this relationship and the new government's difficulties have helped boost Soviet stock in the area, if for no other reason than because U.S. influence has been depressed.

Nevertheless, not everything is in Moscow's favor. The Soviets are still widely distrusted here, by the government of Ayatollah Khomeini and by the Iranian left. Moreover, they have been stung economically by reduced supplies of Iranian gas and the prospect that major contracts for expensive development projects may be canceled.

Because of the distrust, the Soviets have been unable so far to develop ties to the new Iran that are as close as they apparently would like. The Soviet ambassador in Tehran reportedly has visited Khomeini more often than any other diplomat, but the religious leader has not spared his northern neighbors in his latest pronouncements, blaming them for stirring up unrest in Iran.

Typical of the attitude among Khomeini supporters is a spray-painted stencil that appears on many Tehran walls. It shows the letters "U.S.A." side-by-side with a hammer and sickle, each of the symbols crossed out with a big X.

In a recent interview, Khomeini aide Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, head of National Iranian Radio and Television, described the Soviet role in Iran as "very dirty." But he said the government is still "trying to establish proof" of exactly what the Soviets have been up to, particularly in alleged efforts to stir up trouble among minorities.

On the whole, though, Washington's loss has been Moscow's gain. In fact, there are fears among U.S. officials that the Soviets may have been able to take advantage of the revolutionary turmoil to compromise U.S. military secrets.

In their overriding concern with propping up the government of Shapur Bakhtiar, the Shah's last prime minister, American military and Central Intelligence Agency officials neglected contingency plans for evacuating sensitive equipment and materials, informed sources say.

"Everything was left behind," one well-placed source said. "It was a disgrace."

He said it was not immediately possible to assess the extent of U.S. losses. But given the breakdown in security, the assimilation into Khomeini forces of guerrillas and other politically diverse elements and the general anti-American feeling, "it is reasonable to assume that U.S. secrets have been compromised," the source said.

While the Shah was still in power the Soviet Union maintained about 40 full-time intelligence officers in Iran, most of them attached to the Soviet embassy here, according to Western analysts. Since the revolution, they believe Soviet intelligence-gathering capability in Iran probably has increased.

For the Soviets this is a source of great satisfaction, according to diplomats here.

"There have been setbacks on both sides, but politically the situation is much more to the advantage of the Russians," a European diplomat said. "I think they're very pleased with the situation."

Whereas Iranian foreign policy under the Shah was allied with U.S. efforts to contain Soviet influence in the Middle East, the Islamic republic's new posture on a number of issues differs with U.S. policy in the region. Repudiating the Shah's ties with Israel, his opposition to an independent Palestinian state and his tacit support for Egypt's peace initiative, the new government in Tehran has joined most Arab countries in severing diplomatic relations with Cairo and condemning the U.S.-sponsored peace treaty with Israel.

The government has opened contacts, if not full relations as yet with Soviet friends including Cuba, Libya and South Yemen. The Palestine Liberation Organization has moved into the former Israeli mission and three other buildings in Tehran. And the new Iranian government has dropped its support of efforts by Omar al Sultan Qabus to avoid a new flareup of a Marxist rebellion in the Dhofar region of the country.

Although the Soviet Union also supplied military equipment to Iran — including jeeps, trucks, armored personnel carriers and tracked vehicles — it never had military contracts here on the scale of the American ones. The Soviets regularly criticized the Shah's arms buildup and were annoyed by Iran's membership in the Central Treaty Organization created to guard against Soviet expansion in the region.

The new provisional government has since pulled out of Cento, reflecting its new policy of nonalignment.

The Soviet Union and Iran have, however, been at loggerheads over the Muslim rebellion in neighboring Afghanistan. The pro-Moscow government in Kabul has accused Iran of helping the rebels, while Iranian religious leaders have grown increasingly strident in condemning repression of fellow Muslims by the Soviet-backed state.

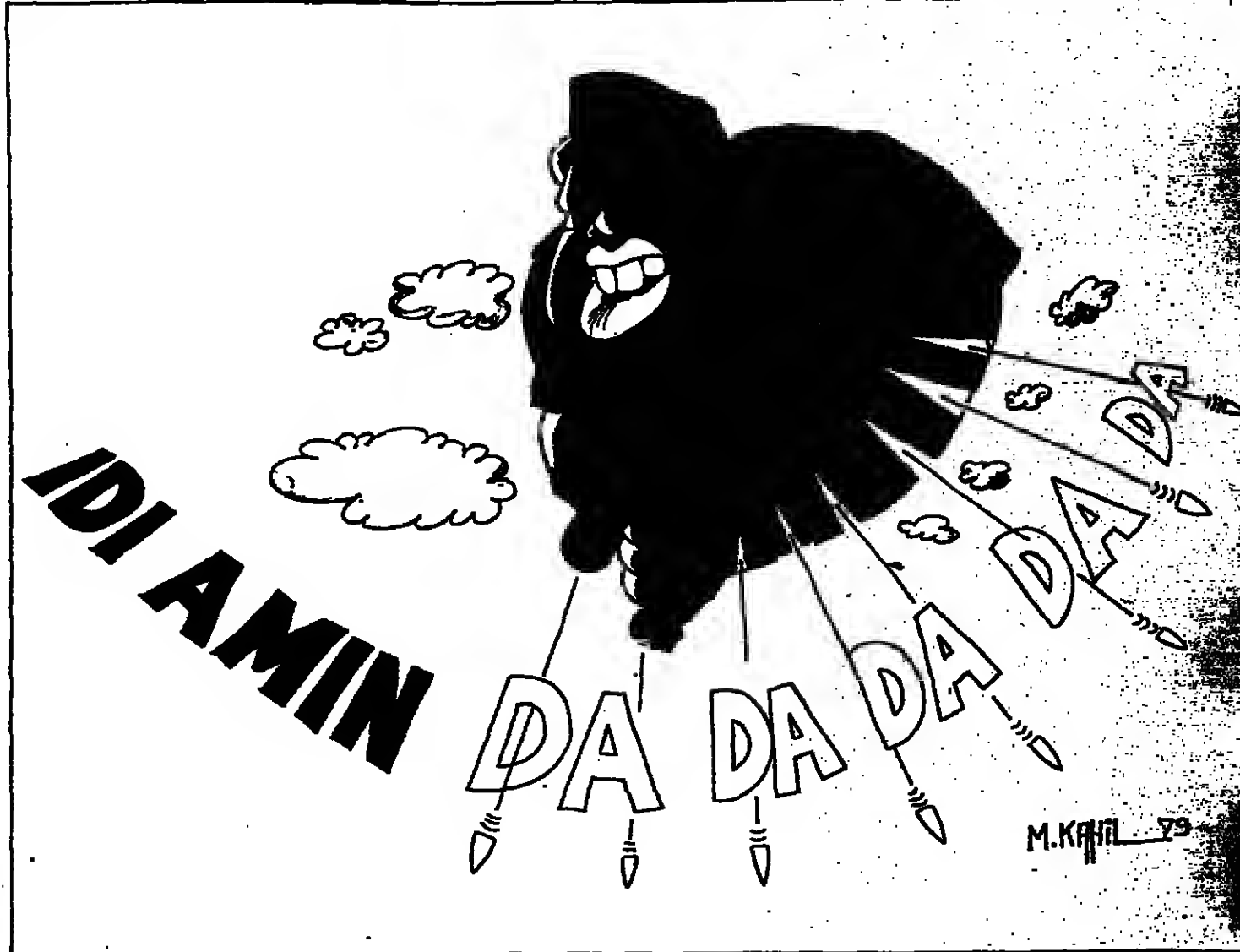
Probably the most damaging element for Moscow in the new relationship with Iran has been reduced deliveries of Iranian gas to the Soviet Union via the Igat-1 pipeline.

The curtailed gas deliveries, a result of lower oil production, have forced the Soviets to make costly redistributions of energy supplies for industries in the Transcaucasus region.

Soviet planning stands to suffer an even bigger setback if a second gas delivery project, Igat-2, does not go ahead. A project considered unlikely to proceed is expansion of the Soviet-built Isfahan steel mill. Earlier plans had called for tripling its capacity.

In an effort to sort out the two countries' economic dealings, a senior Soviet foreign trade official, Semyon Skatkov, made an extended visit to Tehran recently. A visit by a Soviet banking delegation also is in the works.

Regardless of the immediate problems, diplomats say, the Soviets can take comfort in the fact that the left is gaining support as the Khomeini camp increasingly shows its conservative colors. (WP)



Arafat: No solution without Palestinians

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last week, the London-based "Asharq Al-Awsat" published an interview with Palestine Liberation Organization chairman Yasser Arafat in which he demanded that the Palestinian problem be returned to the United Nations and accused the Carter administration of colluding in a conspiracy against the Palestinian people hatched by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and President Anwar Sadat. The PLO chairman, interviewed at his Beirut office, also warned that American interests in the Middle East will be jeopardized if a solution is forced upon the Palestinians. Following is the text of the interview:

By Jihad Khazen

BEIRUT —

Q. Arabs outside Egypt have criticized the treaty with Israel, but what is the Palestinian alternative for it?

A. The Palestinian alternative is the United Nations. There is also the Soviet-American declaration on the Middle East which was issued in October, 1977.

The question is whether the search is for an Arab quailing or for a solution. There are known ways to seek a solution based on the inalienable rights of the Palestinians, including their right to return home, exercise self-determination and independence. If they are looking for a quailing they won't find him among the Palestinians or other Arabs.

The collusion between the American position and Israel has passed all the red (danger) lights and is demanding complete surrender to the Israeli logic. I ask: Is there a village in the world that does not control the water it drinks or the land it tills as Begin wants and Sadat and Carter approve?

They talk about peace but really mean surrender.

Q. Do you believe that the break between President Sadat and the other Arab leaders is final, and is there a way to mend the situation?

A. I believe that Sadat has committed something that no other Arab or Muslim leader has committed before. Never in our ancient or modern history has a leader forsaken Jerusalem without being defeated militarily. Sadat gave up everything very cheaply in return for a handful of Sinai sand. He has entered history as the man who delivered Baghdad into the hands of the moguls.

Q. What do you say about the argument that President Sadat would not have acted this way if the other Arab leaders had from the start made clear to him the extent of their opposition?

A. Sadat did believe that. His American bosses promised him to spare no effort to change the mind of the Arabs, but their computer mentality failed to realize the extent of Arab opposition. The position was made clear in the decision of the summit and foreign ministers' conferences in Baghdad, the Islamic conference in Fez and the conference of religious endowments ministers in Jeddah. The Washington administration has made the error of believing that Egypt's importance is based on the size of its population and not on its Arab influence and prestige.

Q. How do you judge the American approach to peace in the Middle East in general and American-Palestinian relations in particular?

A. There are no American-Palestinian relations. The American position in the Middle East is openly on the side of Zionist aggression against the Palestinian people and the Arab nation. Where are the human rights that President Carter champions so loudly? The American administration and

media and Western media in general worry about the well-being of three Soviet dissidents but keep silent in the face of the crime committed daily against the people of Palestine in which Israel uses cluster and fragmentation bombs, napalm and other internationally banned weapons. I believe the Americans are not worried because their interests remain secure.

Q. What is the way out of Washington's insistence that you recognize Resolution 242 and your insistence that the PLO be recognized first?

A. This is the typical American view. They measure everything by Israel's interests and insist that the victim recognize the murderer but not the aggressors rectify their mistakes. Henry Kissinger conspired against the Palestine people when he was secretary of state and the Washington administration remains shackled to his policies. The Americans must remember that their recognition of Israel was tied to their recognition of the Palestine people in an independent state. They must also remember that there can be no peace, no stability and no solution if they ignore the Palestinians in the Middle East equation.

We demand Jerusalem first, Jerusalem second and Jerusalem third and Palestinian rights.

Q. You have firmly rejected the self-rule negotiations but what can you do to foil them if they are imposed under Israel's conditions?

A. The answer is in the unanimous decision of our people in the occupied territories to reject the proposals, even among those who stayed behind after 1948. The delegations that the Egyptians are talking about are made of smugglers, drug traffickers and agents well known to Egyptian police. On the other hand, all people and organizations in the occupied territories have sent U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim messages supporting the PLO as their only legitimate representative.

Q. What is the state of relations with Iran now?

A. Our relations are deep and lasting. The Palestine revolution is striving for more cooperation between our Arab nation and the Iranian people in a strategic way to face the American threat to our land and oil and wealth. There has been no strain in relations, as enemies of the Iranian and Palestinian revolutions claim and want to believe.

Q. What is the state of relations with the other Arab states, particularly Saudi Arabia, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan?

A. We have good relations with all Arab states and with the Egyptian people. Recent events have underlined the strength of our relations with Saudi Arabia and we can only refer to the recent statements in Paris, Bonn, Rome and Riyadh on Palestinian rights by Crown Prince Fahd, the statement of Prince Abdullah and above all the call of holy war to regain Jerusalem by King Khaled.

We have a strategic alliance with Syria and are also strengthening relations with Iraq to build the northeastern front against Israel during the temporary absence of Egypt from the Arab fold.

We will never forget the sacrifices of the Lebanese for our cause and believe that the only solution in Lebanon will have to be based on the national unity of all the people of Lebanon.

We are also working to strengthen relations with Jordan following our recent agreements with King Hussein.

Q. What would happen if a solution is reached in the end at the expense of Palestinian rights?

A. We shall bring down the temple on all the people in it. America is putting a Palestinian tiger in the corner. We are not afraid of any Israeli threats.

TREADING CAUTIOUSLY

UAE Petroleum Minister Mana Said Al-Oteiba, this year's OPEC chairman, is traveling the Gulf warning of an impending global energy crisis unless the industrial world cuts its consumption. Oteiba said in Kuwait Sunday that his country is trying to check "the anarchy in the oil market," noting that spot market prices have now hit \$40 a barrel.

Abu Dhabi Murban oil has gone up in price by more than 20 per cent since the March 27 OPEC meeting in Geneva, and stood at \$17.90 a barrel on May 19. Algeria's top oil is now selling for \$21 a barrel. Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Venezuela — all OPEC members except Saudi Arabia have raised prices through surcharges since the March meeting.

The market chaos this year started with Iran and still has much to do with the Iranian revolution. The revolutionary government wisely stopped oil sales to Israel and South Africa and lowered the country's total oil exports.

On the spot market, this has meant sales fueled by Israeli pounds, South African gold and U.S. dollars. The market began to escape OPEC control even as Iran's political objectives, which (as far as Israel and South Africa are concerned) coincide with those of the other members of OPEC, began to take effect.

The danger in following market price increases too far to regain control of the market is that OPEC could alienate itself from other countries in the developing world. In 1975, according to the World Bank, oil imports by developing countries cost \$14.3 billion, and prices were expected to reach \$24.3 billion by 1980. The 1985 figure (adjusted for constant 1978 prices) was estimated at \$38.3 billion.

The danger surfaced last week at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Manila when a group of developing countries sought to put oil prices on the agenda. The move was averted by Iraq and Venezuela through agreement to discuss oil prices concurrently with the UNCTAD talks, but outside of their official agenda. Otherwise, the solid front that is vital for the developing "South" in dealing with the industrial "North" could have been fractured.

Saudi Arabia has been aware of its Third World allegiance and has sought to divert more of its oil production to developing countries in recent weeks. The Kingdom is also the major sponsor of the International Monetary Fund's oil facility, which lessens the financial burden on developing oil importers. Finally, Saudi Arabia has chosen not to impose surcharges for its oil since the March OPEC meeting, and it is not diverting supplies for sale on the spot market.

There is a strong argument for another OPEC price increase next month in Geneva, but it should not be of the scale that the spot market is now reaching. Price incentives for curbing consumption in the North are well and good, but they should not at the same time cause such difficulties in the developing world that they isolate OPEC in an alliance of one.

be a sincere desire to contribute to the development of the country in every possible way."

In another commentary "Al-Jazirah" said that President Nur Taraki of Afghanistan "has failed to suppress the Muslim uprising against his Communist regime since Afghanistan is a Muslim country in which only Islam will reign supreme. In an effort to mislead the people, Taraki has resorted to such ploys as leading them to prayers but they are not so naive. They have declared that their Imam is not the man who adopts communism as an ideology and considers Moscow his Mecca."

"Whatever happens, there is no doubt that the Muslim uprising will eventually succeed. In an editorial on the budget "Al-Medina" said that last year's budget "controlled the money flow and consequently, inflation was checked. But the dearth of money did not reduce government spending and the execution of projects planned. The present budget aims at striking a balance between the ambitions of planners and the revival of the market through the effective participation of businessmen in a prosperous economy."

Calling for a massive effort to promote agriculture in the southern region, "Al-Medina" said that "because of the huge potential of this Saudi bread basket there should be a royal commission for the south similar to that for Jubail and Yanbu."

"Although a considerable progress has been made, the region is in need of further development. Private investors may not be keen enough on such a step because of the opportunities elsewhere for quick returns, and the need for a government plan remains urgent."

The same is true of Qasim, Dariyaya, Taif and other potentially rich areas. Saudi Arabia is not a parched desert. It has some

of the best agricultural lands anywhere, but left to itself it will not develop substantially in the way we would like to see."

In a commentary on tourism, "Al-Medina" said that while many airlines have reduced fares to encourage international travel, Saudi, the national carrier, still charges more than others for the same routes.

"Sandis, and others can buy tickets abroad for trips between Saudi Arabia and another Arab country at lower rates than they have to pay Sandia in this country."

The paper said that because of the political situation "many Arabs will skip Egypt this summer and go to another Arab country" — presumably one of the North African states.

The paper called on the officials of that country to show more sympathy and flexibility when dealing with the increased number of tourists and cut down their customs

duties on radio sets or prayer mats for the sake of the millions that the Saudis and other Arabs will be spending in their country."

Commenting on the UNCTAD meeting in Manila, "Olah" said: "It was revealed that the Americans who make up five per cent of the population of the world consume 30 per cent of the world's oil. Andrew Young's justification of this waste is not convincing."

"The world should conserve oil while it devotes greater efforts to finding alternative sources."

"Al-Riyadh" said that Israel "must be very pleased" with the opening of the borders with Egypt "and with the huge concessions that it wrung from Sadat in return for practically nothing."

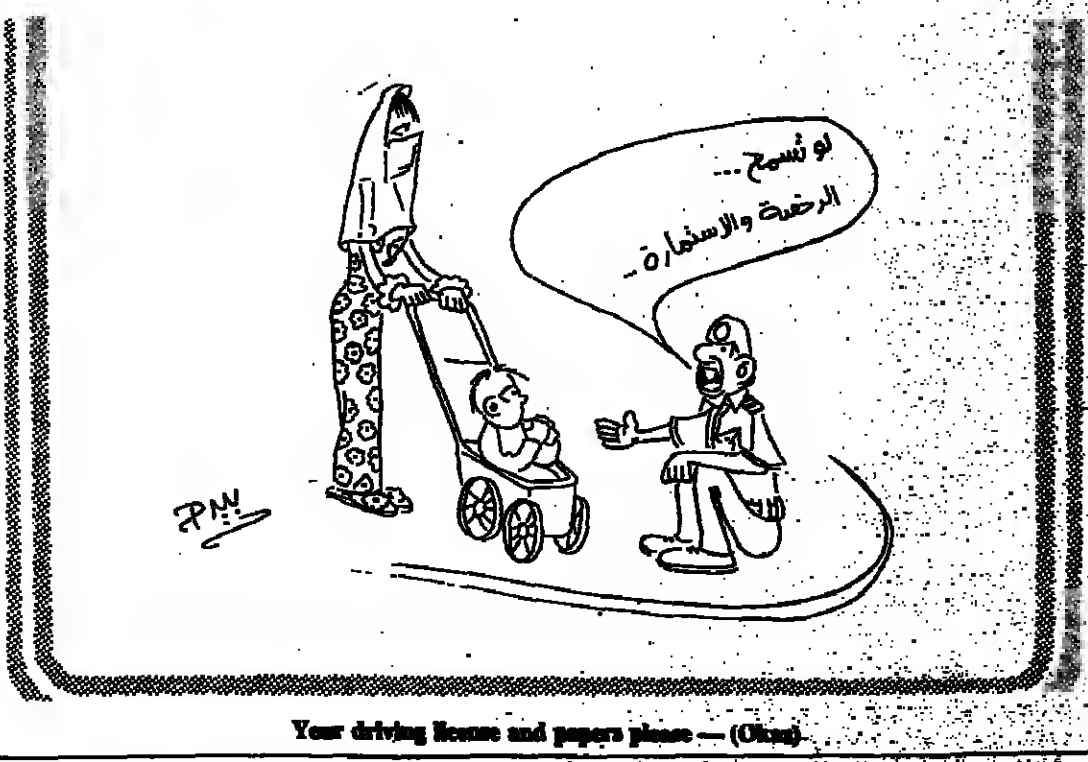
"These concessions were made at a time of increasing Israeli arrogance and refusal to discuss any issue related to Palestinian stashed out or withdrawal from Jerusalem during talks about so-called self-government."

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Continuing to comment on the budget, "Al-Jazirah" said that it dealt with various aspects of national development and especially human resources which received a "substantial portion" of the allocations.

"So did the military. Allocations for the armed forces reflect the government's determination to build a strong army so that it may become a viable deterrent to protect the people and provide them with security and stability. At the same time, it would provide the Arabs and Muslims with the necessary muscle to defeat the enemy anywhere in defense of Arab and Muslim rights and holy places especially Jerusalem."

Quoting Finance Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al-Khail the paper said that the present generation "bears a heavy responsibility and must do its utmost to build the country since there are ample financial resources. But money is not all and there should

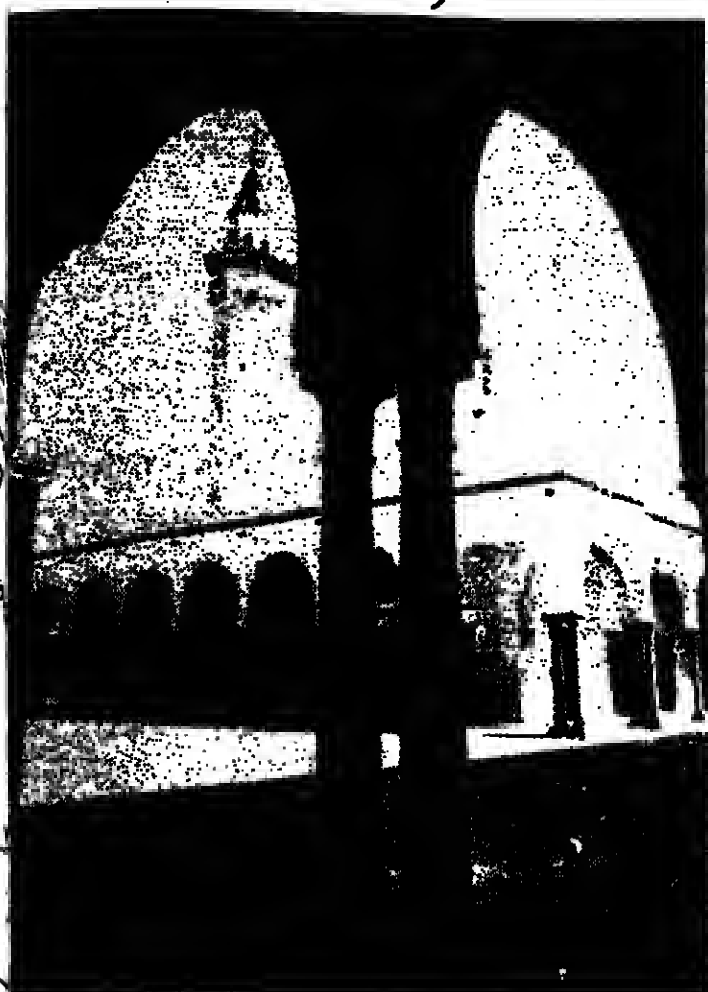


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Tunisia, a blend of tradition with the modern



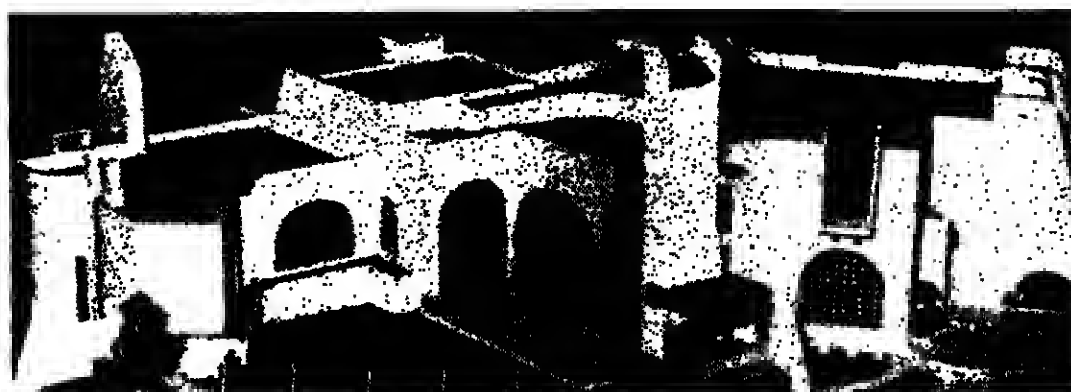
By Kay Campbell

JEDDAH — An exhibition showing how building programs in Tunisia combine modernity with the preservation of architectural traditions, is running in Jeddah until Thursday.

The problems facing city planners in Tunisia are similar to those in many Middle Eastern countries: urbanization, the displacement or disappearance of traditional urban crafts and livelihoods

and an emphasis on construction development that overlooks important aspects of local society structures.

The week-long exhibition, "Between Tradition and Progress — an Exhibit of Tunisian Architecture," has been prepared by government organizations in Tunisia, at the request of the Jeddah municipality. Jointly sponsored by the municipality and the Tunisian embassy, it is believed to be the first of its kind to deal exclusively with Tunisian architectural



tradition.

The predominately Arabic display, at the Chamber of Commerce building, presents graphic works, color photographs, layout drawings and models of building programs in Tunisia which blend the country's architectural traditions into modern building schemes.

Projects exhibited include urban housing complexes, souks, hotel/resort centers, rural settlement programs and low-income

urban apartment complexes.

Each aims to preserve the architectural style and way of life within traditional-style buildings, with the addition of modern conveniences such as running water and electricity.

The Al-Hafsiyyah project, for example, was built within the medina — old walled city — of the capital, Tunis. It consists of multi-layered housing units designed individually and as a whole to retain the local architectural style. Each home has its own private

walled courtyard around which Tunisian family life revolves. Other areas in the complex provide two schools, open-play areas and a children's indoor recreation center.

All the Al-Hafsiyyah buildings are whitewashed, Tunisian-style, to reflect the heat. Doors and shuttered windows are the country's uniform light blue, thought to be insect repellent.

Dr. Abd Al-Aziz Al-Dawlati, a preservationist who is head of research at Tunisia's National

Institute of Antiquities and the Arts, pointed out the importance of preserving traditional architectural styles.

"Through tradition one finds as much of a legacy as one finds in (formal) history," he said.

Architecture, said Dawlati, reflected a society's way of life. Yet foreign engineers and designers, or foreign-trained nationals, were responsible for most building projects in Islamic countries today. They designed housing

complexes with little sympathy for local tradition and the life-style of inhabitants.

He believed that through cooperation between architects and scholars, vital elements of traditional architecture could be applied to more modern construction projects.

Jeddah's mayor, Muhammad Said Farisi, said Saudi Arabia had architectural styles that differed from Tunisia's, because of climate and local economic activities.

He hoped the exhibition would

increase the awareness of everyone in Jeddah as to what could be done to preserve building traditions while achieving progress.

That the Tunisians believe their architectural traditions and way of life are worth preserving is evident at the exhibition. A beautifully-calligraphed Arabic sign expressed the theme perfectly: "The medina was entrusted to us by generations past. It is our duty to maintain it for future generations."

Children aged nine labor in Malawi's teafields

By Peter Tatchell and Ian Mather
LONDON — The plight of Africans working on tea plantations in Malawi is to be the subject of an international on-the-spot investigation.

After a meeting in Brussels this month, the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and the International Federation of Plantation, Agricultural and Allied Workers have decided to send a joint team to Malawi in June.

So low are wages at one estate that tea-pickers earn only the price of a loaf of bread, the equivalent of 30 cents for a day's work, and children as young as nine years old are employed as tea-pickers.

While the companies say these children must be working in their holidays or during out-of-school hours, investigation indicates that they are working long hours on a regular basis.

In one teafield on a typical day there were 30 tea pickers, of whom six were children. One boy said he was nine. The others were 11 or 12.

Some of the companies involved are British. They argue that wages and working conditions are determined by Malawian law and that applications to pay workers more have been turned down by President Kamuzu Banda's person.

The estate studied was at Mulanje in south Malawi. Others pay similar wages.

In addition to the basic 30 cents a day there are nominal productivity bonuses, and laborers in plantation factories are awarded small skill allowances.

The company owning the Mulanje estate also provides fringe benefits such as free meals, housing, education, medicine and clothing to its employees. But in practice these benefits are very

limited.

The mid-shift meal consists only of a stodgy ground maize porridge. A morsel of dried fish is offered after pay day, as an incentive to entice the workers back to the estate for another week's work.

Though no one starves, the vitamin and protein-deficient diet is a major factor in the prevalence of skin complaints, ulcerated sores and a general lack of resistance to disease.

Very few employees are housed. Those that are find living conditions cramped and overcrowded in the tiny concrete block houses provided. In the scorching summer they swelter beneath the cheap but impracticable corrugated iron roofs.

The 7,000 acre estate employs 4,000 workers and made a gross profit in 1976-7 of \$2.6 million, though subsequent profitability has fallen.

Although there are several thousand employees, there are rarely more than 70 children at the company school, a ramshackle building staffed by poorly qualified teachers.

With wages so low, many youngsters cannot afford the luxury of an education. They either become plantation workers themselves or farm family plots in their villages to supplement parental income.

A clinic is manned on a part-time basis. It is preoccupied with ailments that could be prevented at little cost to the employers. The workers dress in a scanty patchwork of rags. Most are without footwear. Flu and pneumonia are rife, the latter being a major killer, especially among young children.

Safety standards in the processing plant are virtually non-existent. There are few guards on dangerous machinery, and nothing in the way of protection for those liable to inhale tea dust or for steam generator operatives subject to spurts of scalding water from leaking valves. — (OFNS)

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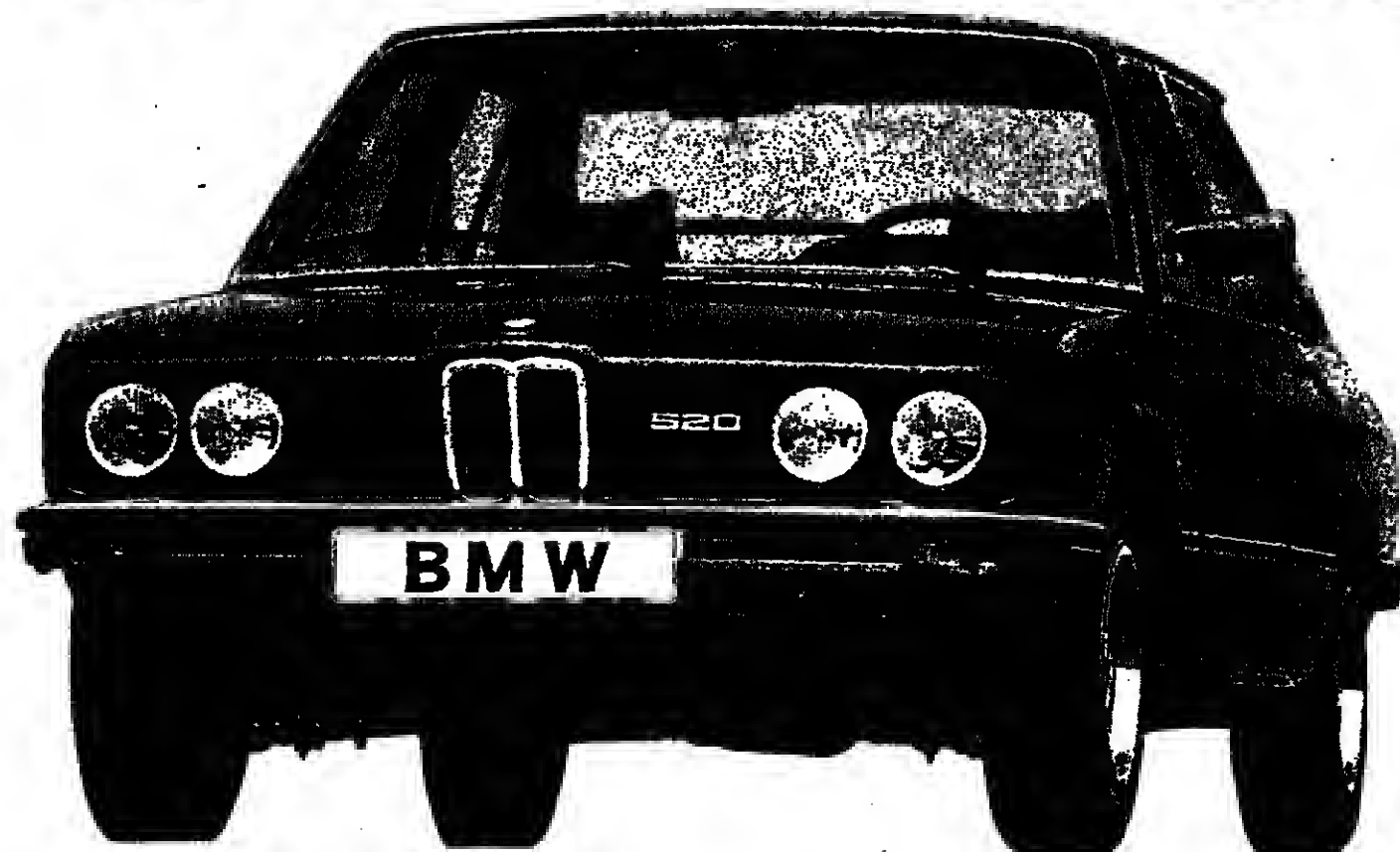
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Mears wins Indy at only 2nd attempt

Comes in ahead of Foyt, after trailing most of race

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., May 28 (AP)—Dazzling newcomer Rick Mears patiently bided his time while Bobby Unser and Al Unser took turns trying to run away with the race, inherited the lead when Bobby Unser slowed down with 50 miles to go, then held on to post his first victory in the Indianapolis 500 Sunday.

The 27-year-old from Bakersfield, Calif. who made his Indianapolis debut last year in spectacular fashion by becoming the first and only rookie to qualify at over 200 mph, finished with more than a lap's lead over A.J. Foyt's lame mount.

Danny Ongais, fighting with handling problems after damaging a right rear wheel in a brush with the wall, rallied to cross the line third. Mears' teammate Bobby Unser, leader most of the second half of the \$1 million classic, was a distant fourth after losing fourth gear. Unser, at 45 years of age, had sought to become the oldest winner here.

(Ongais and Unser were subsequently bumped to fourth and fifth when Mike Mosley climbed from fifth into third in official results announced Monday by the U.S. Auto Club.)

(Mosley had been credited with completing 199 laps in the unofficial results announced at the end of the race. But check by officials showed he had completed 200.)

Tom Sneva, running toward a sure fifth, crashed heavily in the third turn late in the event in the day's most serious incident. He was uninjured.

Gordon Johncock was sixth

The Race's only rookie, Howdy Holmes took seventh after falling behind early.

A late yellow flag appeared as though it might give Foyt a chance to close up behind Mears and give him a run for the checked flag the final four laps under green. But Foyt's car faltered, and was barely able to coast across the last yard of brick to the finish.

"It was out of fuel. I'm just glad it wasn't one more lap," Foyt said, chuckling, apparently pleased with runner-up spot.

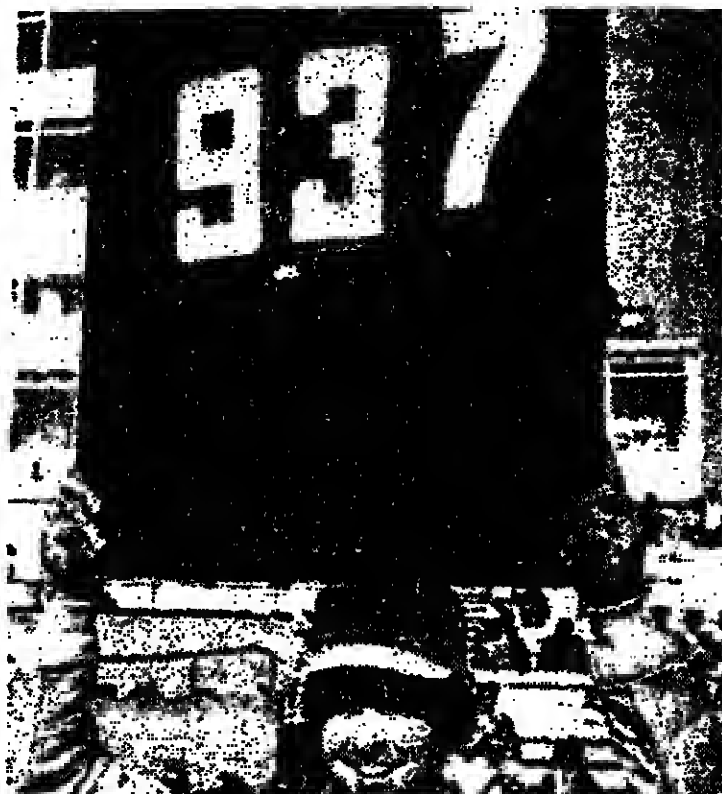
Mears, who averaged 158.889 mph, not a record, trailed most of the race despite his superior qualifying speed of 193.736 mph. He ran second to Al Unser in the early going, dropped all the way back to sixth midway through the event, then picked back up for the stretch run.

Bobby Unser appeared to be in control after the halfway point when he took over the lead when his brother Al dropped out, pouring blue smoke.

Except for a hint of a challenge from Foyt, who lost a lap just after the 300-mile when his car's engine stalled as he was making a pit stop, Bobby Unser and Mears had the race all to themselves the final 200 miles.

They ran nose to tail, with Unser in the lead, and threatened to give the Penske racing team a one-two finish.

When Unser suddenly slowed down, Mears was less than a second behind.



WINNER: Rick Mears, winner of the Indy 500 Sunday, basking in his pit board at the end of time trials earlier this month that gave him the pole position for the \$1 million race.

Gas crisis hardly deters 300,000 Indy spectators

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. May 28 (AP)—Car fans 300,000 strong thrumbed their noses at the gas crisis Sunday and headed for the Indianapolis 500 auto race, America's annual homage to the internal combustion engine.

There was Rose Bonito of New Haven, Conn., who drove 21 hours straight with her husband, two children and family dog to make it to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway to see newcomer Rick Mears win his first Indy trophy ever.

"We always come," Mrs. Bonito said. "This is our fourth race." Reports from the Hoosier Motor Club earlier in the week indicated 45 per cent of the state's 3,000 stations would be open at least part of the day Sunday.

Rick Tawley of Greenfield, who drove a car full of friends to the track, said the gas shortage "didn't bother me in the least."

"It wouldn't have mattered to me if I had to walk here."

European soccer roundup

LONDON, May 28 (Agencies)—Results of European First Division games over the weekend:

Belgium

RWD Molenbeek 1
1. Beveren 2
Liege 2
Courtrai 1
Lierse 4
La Louviere 2
Charleroi 4
Antwerp 1
Waterschei 2
Winterslag 1
Waregem 0
Beerschot 3
Lieg 3
Lokeren 0
Beringen 2
Anderlecht 3

Leading placings in final table after 34 games: 1. Beveren with 49, 2. Anderlecht (45), 3. Standard Liege (44), 4. Lokeren (42), 5. RWD Molenbeek (41), 6. Bruges (38), 7. Antwerp (35)

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Watson effortlessly wins Memorial golf

DUBLIN, Ohio, May 28 (AP)—Tom Watson, whose only real challenge came from the weather, composed a front-running, one-under-par 71 and cruised to a three-stroke victory Sunday in the Memorial Golf Tournament.

Watson, the game's outstanding performer over the last 2½ years, claimed his fourth title of the season with a 285 total, three strokes under par on the rain-soaked, 7,101 yard Muirfield Village Golf Club course.

It came with relative ease. Wat-

Aussie wins N.Y. event, her first in 6 tour years

CORNING, N.Y. May 28 (AP)—Australian Panny Putz came up with a two-under-par 68 Sunday to overtake rookie Lynn Adams and hold off a late charge from veteran Judy Rankin to win the \$100,000 Ladies Professional Golf Association Corning classic golf tournament.

The victory was the first for Putz in her six years on the LPGA tour. Putz needed only 21 putts over the 6,203-yard Corning Golf Club course Sunday to produce the best round of the four-day, 72-hole tournament and take home the \$15,000 prize.

Putz had entered the final round one stroke behind Adams but took the lead to stay when Adams bogeyed the 12th hole.

Rankin, double-bogeyed her first hole Sunday and did not challenge until birdies on the 15th and 16th holes allowed her to overtake the faltering Adams who finished third.

Briton leads U.K. event

Wentworth, England, May 28 (AP)—Australian Greg Norman

Gerulaitis beats Vilas in final Rome marathon

ROME, May 28 (AP)—Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States outlasted top-seeded Guillermo Vilas of Argentina in a marathon final Sunday 6-7, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4, 6-2 to win the Italian Open.

The American leaped high into the air and held up his arms in a victory sign when Vilas netted his serve to end the four hour and 50 minute match on the clay at the Foro Italico.

The \$28,000 first prize seemed open as both finalists took sets on tie-breaks.

But the momentum shifted suddenly as Vilas won the third set on another tie-break and then, after falling behind in the fourth set reeled off three strikes, breaking Gerulaitis' service.

The American seemed to tire on the muggy and hazy afternoon, as the left-handed Vilas picked up points from the baseline or with deft drop shots.

But just as quickly Gerulaitis found his strength and his game and broke Vilas' service in the ninth game and then went on to take the set 6-4.

son, who first took the lead with a brilliant no-bogey 69 in the dreadful weather of the second round, started this cloudy, gloomy, threatening day with a four-stroke lead, built it to seven shots at one point and was never in great danger.

The closest thing to a threat came late in the round from veteran Miller Barber. Barber birdied the par-five 15th and Watson bogeyed it, missing the green with his third shot.

Watson, who has won this year in the Heritage, Tournament of champions and Byron Nelson classics, collected \$54,000 from the total of \$330,000 and virtually assured himself of a third consecutive money-winning title.

With the season just over half way, Watson now has won \$353,874. That has been exceeded only by the \$362,429 he won last year.

No one else is within \$160,000 of Watson.

With eight to ten more tournaments for the year—and most of them big-money events—Watson now has a decided chance at becoming the first man to win \$500,000 in a single year.

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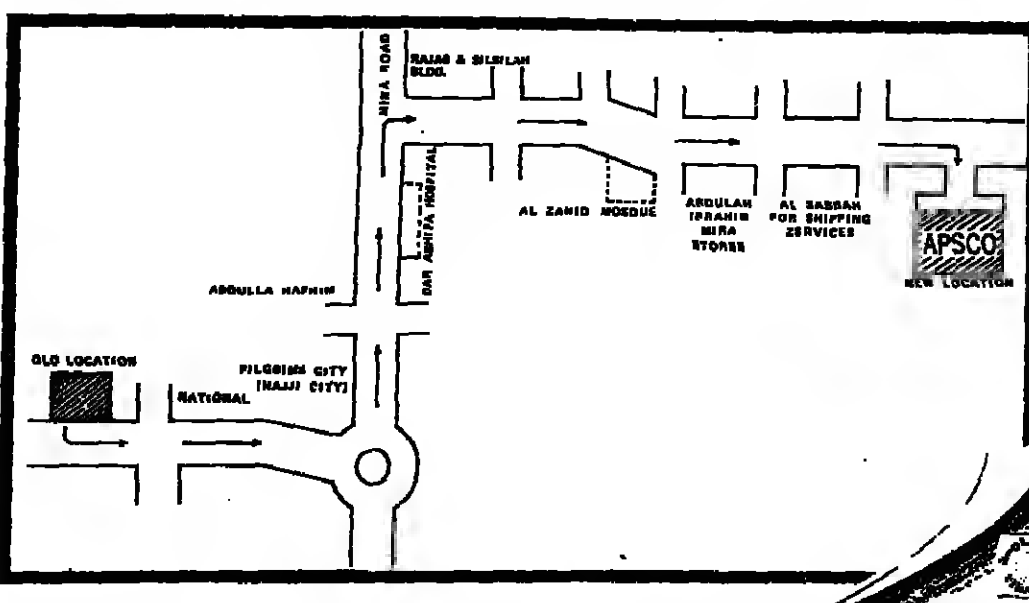
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Arabic Petroleum Supply Co. 'APSCO' Has moved from Mina Road to its new office at Al-Thaliba st. Al-Korayat area. The new telephone numbers of the Company are:

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NEW DELHI, May 28 (R)— Indian Petroleum Minister Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna left here today on a six-day visit to the Soviet Union to discuss supplies of crude oil to his country. The Soviet Union is to supply 400,000 tons of high speed diesel oil and 1.2 million tons of kerosene to India in 1979. It has also agreed to exchange 600,000 tons of crude oil with Indian rice. From Moscow Bahuguna will fly on to Saudi Arabia where he will spend three days.

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International

Saudi delegate elected chairman

Panel set up to liberate Muslim land

LONDON, May 28 (AP) — A four-day international conference summoned to discuss the "liberation of Muslim lands" from non-Islamic domination ended Sunday with a call to the world's 900 million Muslims not to give up their struggle until they have freed Palestine, Jerusalem and other occupied Muslim territories.

More than a hundred delegates from 27 Muslim countries passed a resolution setting up an International Secretariat for the Liberation of Muslim Lands and named Salem Azzam of Saudi Arabia as its first secretary-general. Its headquarters will be in London.

The resolution called on the new secretariat "to coordinate the activities of the various liberation and other movements and provide for the projection of their views."

In his closing speech to the conference, Salem Azzam said, "We all assembled here in this conference to put our heads together and devise a strategy to liberate not only Jerusalem and Palestine but all those territories where Muslims have been enslaved in bondage to non-Islamic forces and are shedding their blood to free themselves so that they may again live truly in the footsteps of Prophet Muhammad."

"The deliberations of this conference are before you and I hope they will form a major step forward to our goal."

A telegram pledging support for the resolutions passed by the conference came from King Hussein and was read out to delegates at the closing session.

Another cable, from United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, wishing delegates success in their deliberations, was also read to the assembly.

Except for the closing session, the conference took place behind closed doors. A press release said that 24 resolutions were passed.

Giscard hails entry of Greece as Common Market's 10th state

ATHENS, May 28 (Agencies) — President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing arrived Monday to attend Greece's signing of the European Economic Community's treaty of accession.

France is the current head of the Community's Council of Ministers and Foreign Minister Jean Francois-Poncet will sign on behalf of the EEC. Greece will become a member of the Common Market in 1981.

Speaking to reporters at the airport, President Giscard said he had come to express the greetings of the peoples of the European Economic Community.



President Giscard



President Karamanlis

"I came to congratulate my personal friend Premier (Konstantinos) Karamanlis who managed to fulfil his dream to make Greece an equal member of the EEC."

For France it is a great joy to welcome Greece to the European community," he said.

Giscard and Karamanlis became personal friends during the Greek leader's self-imposed, 11-year exile in Paris until military rule ended in Greece in 1974.

Other foreign leaders arriving for the signing are Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, Belgian Premier Wilfried Martens and Prime Minister Gaston Horn of Luxembourg.

Irish Premier Jack Lynch is already here. West Germany, the Netherlands, Britain and Denmark will be represented by their foreign ministers.

Giscard has deplored French Communist leader Georges Marchais' lack of knowledge regarding the treaty on Greece's entry into the Common Market.

The president was replying to Marchais who last Wednesday called on the president to veto Greece entry and cancel his visit to Athens because the French parliament had not debated the issue.

Giscard said in a letter to Marchais he was "surprised by the lack of knowledge" reflected over constitutional rules, presidential spokesman Pierre Hunt stated.

The president recalled that under the French constitution he was authorized to negotiate and ratify treaties. He assured Marchais that parliament would also be called to discuss and vote on the agreements for Greece's entry into the community.

Giscard also pointed out that he was going to Athens in his capacity as current president of the European Council and not to sign the treaty as you have erroneously written.

The treaty which makes Greece the Common Market's 10th member state is being signed by the French foreign minister.

In his letter dated May 23 and published in the Communist Party's newspaper "L'Humanité" the same day, Marchais wrote, "the enlargement of the European Economic Community is an unbearable competition for

whole sections of our industrial and agricultural production. It spells ruin for economic sectors and entire areas of our country."

Curfew clamped on Indian city after tax riots

NEW DELHI, May 28 (AP) — Curfew was ordered in the main part of Lucknow, northern India, Sunday and 81 persons were reported under arrest after a crackdown on sales tax evasion flared into rioting and arson.

Merchants closed stores Sunday in major cities throughout Uttar Pradesh, India's most populous state, in protest against the conduct of the tax officials and police in the Lucknow flareup.

The state Trade Association said the stores would stay closed until responsible officers were suspended and a court investigated alleged firing and beating charges by police in the Saturday disturbance.

A resolution on Eritrea and West Somalia expressed grave concern "about the savage suppression and genocidal war being waged by the Ethiopian military junta" and condemned the involvement of "Cuba, Israel and super powers on the side of Ethiopia."

It called on the Muslim world to support a peaceful solution to the conflict.

A resolution on the dispute in India over Jammu and Kashmir State called on the United Nations, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Organization of African Unity, and the non-aligned movement to support the holding of a free plebiscite in Jammu and Kashmir. It asked India not to tamper with the demographic character of disputed territories.

The press release also said: "The conference noted with concern that Muslims in Communist countries are denied their fair share in the affairs of these countries and urged the Communist governments to grant them legitimate rights including full religious rights."

The conference condemned the United States for contemplating the presence of a naval force in the "Muslim Gulf region" and said that such a move would be "tantamount to imposing military domination in the area to the detriment of the national and regional interests of the countries of the region."



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Secret killer-satellite meeting seen readying U.S.-Soviet pact

VIENNA, May 28 (R) — Secret U.S.-Soviet talks on banning "killer satellites" are moving ahead in hopes that agreement may be possible before next month's Carter-Brezhnev summit, officials said Sunday.

Senior arms control negotiators from Washington and Moscow have been meeting in Vienna for five weeks, seeking a reliable agreement to halt the testing of anti-satellite weapons.

The negotiators are seeking to close a loophole in outer space agreements that allows the superpowers to destroy satellites used for photo reconnaissance, military communications or as navigation aids.

The Vienna talks have been conducted in unusual secrecy, and no progress reports have been issued. "The talks are going on, but there's not a single thing I can say," a U.S. embassy spokesman said.

This is the third round of killer satellite talks between the U.S. and the Soviet Union in 11 months. Previous meetings were held last summer in Helsinki and February in Bern.

The Vienna session is the longest so far, suggesting that some progress has been made.

The chief negotiators, Robert Buchheim of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency and Oleg Khlestov, a legal expert from the Soviet Foreign Ministry, have refused to meet journalists since the talks opened on April 23.

U.S. Embassy press spokesmen say their only contact with Mr. Buchheim's delegation is by telephone. Both governments have insisted on total secrecy because of the sensitivity of the issue.

The meetings are assumed to be taking place in turn at the U.S. and Soviet embassies but even that is not certain.

While there is no direct link, U.S. officials have said they hope President Jimmy Carter and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev will announce agreement or at least progress in the discussions when they meet in Vienna on June 15.

The four-day summit has been arranged primarily to enable them to sign a second Strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) Treaty which has taken six years to negotiate. The treaty will be signed on June 18, probably in Vienna's old Imperial Palace.

The ships left the Israeli navy base at Sharm El Sheikh Sunday night and were scheduled to enter the canal Monday, according to military spokesmen.

The ships arrived at the entrance to the waterway too late for the daily convoy and make their passage Tuesday morning, he said.

In a separate development, three ships of the Israeli navy arrived Monday at the entrance to the Suez Canal en route to an Israeli city on the Mediterranean coast.

The ships left the Israeli navy base at Sharm El Sheikh Sunday night and were scheduled to enter the canal Monday, according to military spokesmen.

Vance arrives in Rome for talks with officials

ROME, May 28 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance arrived in Rome Sunday night for talks with Italian officials and an audience at the Vatican with Pope John Paul.

The Vatican has unofficially changed its position on Jerusalem, the most sensitive issue in the Arab-Israeli dispute, dropping demands for an international government in the city and insisting instead on international guarantees to preserve the status of the city's holy places.

Vance flew into Ciampino military airport after participating in Egyptian and Israeli ceremonies in El Arish and Beersheba.

Vance was scheduled to meet Monday with President Sandro Pertini and attend a dinner in his honor hosted by his Italian counterpart, Arnaldo Forlani.

Tuesday, he was to meet with Premier Giulio Andreotti and then go to the Vatican before departing in early afternoon for the Netherlands.

Earlier Sunday a senior U.S. official said Monday that Vance will not serve a second term as U.S. secretary of State even if President Jimmy Carter ran for re-election, according to a senior American official.

The official was speaking reporters aboard Vance's aircraft as it flew from Israel to Rome Sunday night.

He said Carter had known some time that Vance wanted to return to private life after five years as secretary of state.

Canada gives women new roles in forces

FARNHAM, Canada, May 28 (AP) — Canadian women are being allowed to hold "near-combat" roles in the country's armed forces for the first time this year.

As part of training for that post or any other in the force, the women must take a 24-hour endurance test requiring that they tackle an obstacle course, a cable across a river and a swamp at midnight.

"Here we have the feeling of really being in the army," says Nicole Rempire, who is a trainee from the Canadian forces school at St. Jean, Quebec. "It's not boring, like our course."

"Whoopie," yells the five-foot-two Miss Rempire, hanging by her hands from a cable over a river. She wears a khaki suit and black boots and a 13-pound backpack and an FN-C1 rifle.

"I dropped out of school when I was 14," she says. She worked in a factory in her home town, Trois-Rivières, Quebec, before joining the army.

But, she says, "I always wanted to join the army. My mother discouraged me because she said it's no place for a woman," she added.

For her and others in the platoon, the army is home.

In 1972, there were 1,500 women in the Canadian armed forces. Today that number has reached 5,000.

Board meeting heralds U.S. tie to Peking

PEKING, May 28 (R) — Directors of the First National Bank of Chicago arrived in Peking Monday for the board meeting ever held in China by a Western corporation.

The directors, who head prominent U.S. companies such as United Airlines and International Harvester, will have talks with Chinese leaders after their board meeting on Wednesday.

First National of Chicago is the ninth largest bank in the United States and has been dealing directly with China since the beginning of last year. It was the first American bank to establish a full correspondent relationship with the Bank of China which is hosting the visiting directors.

Hawke arrived Saturday from Moscow where he held a series of meetings with Soviet officials, including Trade Union Chief Alexei Shibaev.

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